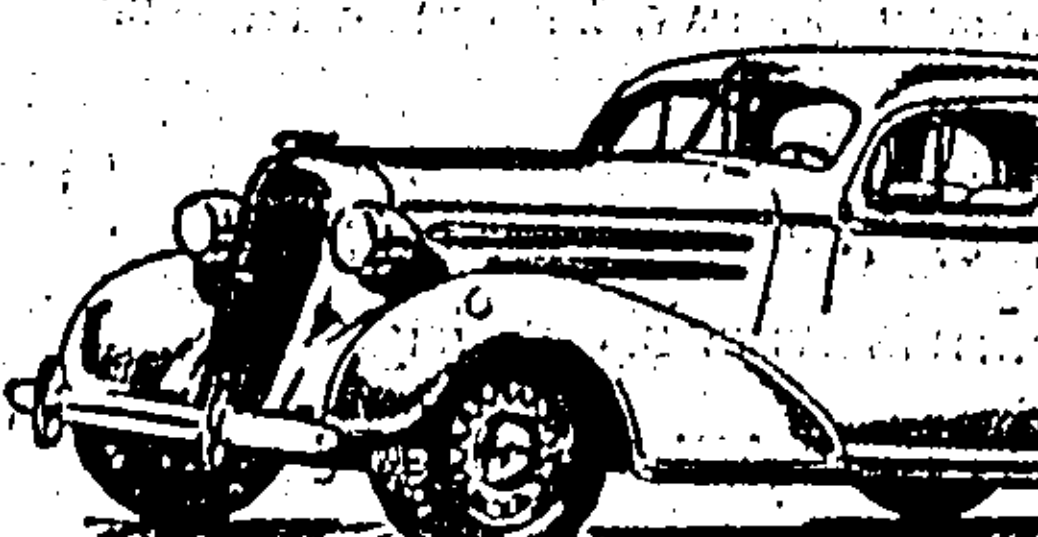


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BRITAIN WILL NOT SCRAP OLD CRUISERS United States and Japan

Officially Informed INTERNATIONAL SITUATION REASON FOR DECISION

London, Dec. 17.
Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons to-night that Great Britain would officially intimate to the United States and Japan her intention of retaining five over-age cruisers, under Article 21 of the London Naval Treaty.

In view of the deterioration of the general international situation, said Sir Samuel, this was obviously not the moment at which any power could wish to scrap serviceable vessels and His Majesty's Government, therefore, was exchanging views in this matter with the United States and Japan.

The United States had intimated that if Great Britain decided to retain these vessels on the grounds that the nation's security necessitated such action, no objection would be raised by Washington.

There was reason to believe, Sir Samuel added, that Japan's reply would also be favourable. The First Lord expressed appreciation of the sympathetic and helpful attitude adopted by the United States and Japan.

Reuter learns that the over-age cruisers to be retained are the Cardiff and Ceres, completed in 1917, the Caledon, Caluso and Cardone—Reuter.

Morale Unshaken

Madrid, Dec. 17.
The morale of the citizens of Madrid remains unshaken and they are preparing to bury an estimated total of 50 dead and treat 300 injured, victims of yesterday's air raids.

A dense fog is hampering efforts of searchers in the wreckage of two apartment houses where 50 persons were trapped and are believed to be dead.

The Defence Committee has ordered searchlights manned at every post and sentries are doubled against a surprise rebel attack.

Meanwhile, six rescue squads dug all last night and continued to-day to work in the wreckage of the deserted suburbs of Tetuan de las Victorias, where whole blocks of apartments were wiped out in the war's fiercest air raid. The Government, however, claims to have shot down four rebel pursuit planes and one big bomber.

It is reported that Boadilla del Monte and Majadahonda are in complete ruin.—United Press.

Pilots Training

Valencia, Dec. 17.
It is reliably stated that hundreds of young Spaniards are at the moment training as aviators in European centres and that they will shortly return to form the nucleus of a loyal air force with which the Government hopes to overcome the attacking flying units.—United Press.

Britain's Warning

London, Dec. 17.
The First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Samuel Hoare, to-day informed the House of Commons that five British cruisers, scheduled for scrapping under the naval treaties, will be retained in service because "this is no time to scrap serviceable vessels."

The announcement is regarded as a further warning that Britain intends to build defence forces adequate to cope with any attack.

Before Sir Samuel spoke, reliable sources revealed that Britain had developed a new fourteen-inch gun more efficient than any other navy's sixteen-inch guns. These guns will be used in the two new 35,000-ton battleships, the King George the Fifth and the Prince Edward, construction on which starts in January.

Details Kept Secret

It is reported that the new gun will fire a shell weighing 2,010 pounds, at a rate of one every 40 seconds.

The piece is also 25 tons lighter than the present fourteen-inch gun, permitting the utilisation of 200 tons (Continued on Page 12.)

REBELS SHARE RATIONS WITH MADRID CHILDREN



Their homes destroyed, their parents often separated from them, these pathetic little people of Madrid come to the rebel invaders for food and friendliness. Here, in a trypan of General Franco's army are sharing their rations with the children. To-morrow they may be trading shots or bayonet thrusts with the fathers of these four.

MADRID BESET ON ALL SIDES RESCUE GANGS SEARCH FOR BURIED RAID VICTIMS

Madrid, Dec. 17.
Strong pressure by insurgent forces has been exerted in all sectors of the Madrid front for the past 24 hours, according to a Defence Committee communique.

The loyalist headquarters believes this big offensive has been launched in order to occupy as many Government troops as possible while the insurgent attacks continue around Boadilla del Monte.

Although the rebels, in an official announcement, told of the capture of Boadilla and the penetration of the Government lines beyond it yesterday, the Government still maintains that its army presents an impenetrable front.

Moreover, says the Defence Committee, five of the raiding rebel planes were brought down yesterday, but not a single Government machine was lost.—Reuter.

Pickets Beat Workers BLUM STILL FACES STRIKE PROBLEM

Paris, Dec. 18.
The Executive Committee of the Radical Socialist Party passed a resolution of approval of the Prime Minister's foreign and home policies, at a meeting last night.

But Premier Leon Blum's troubles are still with him at home. The strike situation is still menacing. Three employees of a metal works, who attempted to go back to their jobs, were badly beaten by 300 strikers, who picketed the factory. All metal works in Paris are guarded by these pickets.

Strikers, however, have agreed to evacuate the buildings themselves pending a settlement of their dispute with employers.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

U.S. VETERAN DIES

Washington, Dec. 17.
Brigadier Patrick W. Guinney, 59, assistant Army Quartermaster General and veteran of the Boxer rebellion, the Philippines insurrection and the World War, died to-day.—United Press.

AIRLINER CRASHED IN STORM

APPARENTLY DOWN IN DEEP FOREST NO HOPE FOR 7 OCCUPANTS

Salt Lake City, Dec. 17.

The Western Air Express liner, bound from Los Angeles to Chicago with four passengers and a crew of three aboard, has crashed in a snow-bound forest. It is now believed. There is no hope held for its occupants.

Traces of broken trees and wheels, have been found in the snow on the fringe of the deep forest near Milford, Utah, where the plane was last seen in the early morning of December 15, fighting through a storm and a low altitude.

Everything points to the fact that the plane plunged among the trees.

A search has been instituted, but without hope of finding the plane's occupants alive, as if they were not killed in the crash they would have died of exposure.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

EXPLODED TALE OF CHIANG'S MURDER PRIVATE SOURCES DISCLOSE NEWS OF LEADER'S SAFETY

Rumours abroad yesterday that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been executed by his captors in Sianfu were definitely exploded last night and this morning when private, but entirely reliable sources, revealed the fact that Nanking had conclusive proof that the Generalissimo still lived, and in fact was in splendid health.

Another well-informed quarter here has been informed that Mr. T. V. Soong, former Finance Minister, President of the Bank of China and brother-in-law of Marshal Chiang, has already flown to Sianfu for conferences with Chang Hsueh-liang, chief of the northern rebels.

CANADIANS WANT EDWARD AS KING

VANCOUVER ISLAND SECESSION MOVE OLD QUARREL OF ISLANDERS

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 17.
Residents of Victoria, capital of British Columbia, and famed as the "most English city outside England," have formed the Vancouver Island Provincial Association, with the avowed object of seceding from the Dominion of Canada.

The sponsors of this scheme admit they are considering establishing a monarchy, to be ruled by the Duke of Windsor, with Mrs. Ernest Simpson as his Queen.—United Press.

Victoria, although the capital of British Columbia, is situated on the southernmost extremity of Vancouver Island, large, fertile but sparsely populated, and boasting scenery, sports and climate among the finest in the world. Originally known as Fort Camosun, the city was established in the Hudson's Bay Company's early days in the West, and named for the Empire-building Queen. Before the coming of the transcontinental railways and the development of the mainland industry, Victoria was the most prosperous and progressive city in the Northwest.

With Vancouver's mushroom growth, however, the island city has had to be content with income from tourists and the revenue of stunted industries, and the Islanders have long felt that they bear too heavy a share of provincial taxation, largely needed for the development of Vancouver's hinterland. For this reason the idea of secession has long been popular in certain sections.

Previously the talk was all of making the island a separate province, Dominion or Crown Colony. It is self-supporting. This is the first time that the proposal of a monarchy has been put forward.—Ed.

ANGLO-SPANISH TRADE HURT

CLEARING PROCEDURE NOW SUSPENDED

London, Dec. 17.
New arrangements, in consequence of the financial disturbances caused by the Spanish civil war, have had to be made in Anglo-Spanish trade matters, explained Dr. Edward Burgin, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade, speaking at question time in the House of Commons to-night.

He said both the British and Spanish Governments had agreed upon a suspension of clearing procedure, under the Anglo-Spanish Payments Agreement.

Dr. Burgin warned traders to exercise caution in arranging for exports to Spain.—Reuter.

Peace Talks Turn To Trade Pacts

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17.
The Pan-American Peace Conference took on a new aspect to-day, when moves towards a clarification and unification of the direction of economic policy on the two American continents were unexpectedly discussed.—Reuter.

END OF STRIKE SIGHTED

SEAMEN'S LEADERS SATISFIED PUTTING VOTE TO UNIONS

San Francisco, Dec. 17.

Mr. Harry Lundeberg, Secretary of the Sailors' Union on the Pacific Coast, to-day intimated that agreements had been reached on all major points, including wages and working hours, in discussions for the settlement of the shipping strike.

The agreements, however, concern only sailors and marine firemen, he explained.

Mr. Lundeberg is prepared to present a tentative agreement to the union members to-morrow.

For some days past, Mr. Lundeberg and union representatives have been in close conference with employers, under the eye of Mr. F. W. McGraw, of the Department of Labour. Mr. McGraw has been predicting a settlement of this sort for a week, but has warned against too much optimism.—Reuter.

GOVERNORS OF B.B.C. NAMED

SIR IAN FRASER, M.P. AND J.J. MALLON

London, Dec. 17.

Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., and Mr. James Joseph Mallon, have been appointed Governors of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Sir Ian, one of the most popular members of the House, is blind, and has done brilliant work for follow-up sufferers in wireless experimentation.—Reuter.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Nanking, Dec. 18.
Scouting planes report large movements of Chang Hsueh-liang's troops in Lochnan, Sanyuan and Kuyuan areas.

Despite the hope that mediation may be successful, the Government is speeding its plans for an offensive, following General Ho Ying-ching's assumption of the supreme command of the army last night.—United Press.

EMPIRE FLYING FLEET

NO LIMIT TO SIZE OF CRAFT

London, Dec. 17.

Two of the flying boats of the Empire fleet being built by the Short Company for Imperial Airways are intended for long-range flights.

The first of these crafts, now at Southampton, is being prepared for long-distance trials. It is equipped with a fuel tank of 2,320 gallons capacity, and at cruising speed of 160 miles an hour its attainable range in still air is 3,300 miles. The crew number three and the commercial load consists of 1,000 pounds. There is no passenger accommodation in this craft.

The Chief Designer of the Short Company, in a recent public lecture, maintained that no limit to the size of civil flying boats is yet in sight, and predicted the early appearance of craft of twice or four times the weight of those of the Empire fleet.—British Wireless.

MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENT

ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS PROCEEDING

London, Dec. 17.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, asked in the House of Commons about a Mediterranean understanding, replied that an exchange of views is proceeding between His Majesty's Government and the Italian Government, but he would not be in a position to make any statement before the House rose on Friday for Christmas recess.—British Wireless.

NEUTRALITY PRECAUTION

FRANCE TO PREVENT MARCH TO SPAIN

Paris, Dec. 17.

The French Government has taken measures to check the enrolment of miners as volunteers in the Spanish Government army and also to prevent the mass organization of departures of volunteers. It is announced.—Reuter.

Factories Bill

London, Dec. 17.

The Home Secretary informed the House of Commons that he hoped to introduce the Factories Bill shortly after Christmas.—British Wireless.

It's good for children to LEARN to GIVE things away

GIVING toys and presents to children is one of the greatest pleasures we have—whether we are mother, father, uncle or aunt.

We don't get very much thanks nowadays for our gifts, neither do we expect them—we just fall victim to the lure of the lovely modern toys and give and give and give.

And the nursery people—now usually in families of ones or twos—how do they react?

They are very thrilled, very critical, and are quite unexpected in their reactions to some of the cheaper gifts. But are they really happy?

How many parents allow their children to-day the extraordinary happiness of preparing and giving gifts to other people?

Building up Character

And how many parents realise that the finest way to build character is to encourage giving, and the keenest test you will get of character is the ability—or not—to give.

The strong, confident, well-balanced child is the giver. The weak, unhappy, undeveloped child is the taker. Only those who are sure of themselves and have surplus vitality dare give in this life. But it is the surest test that all is well in the child's mind.

The aggressive, noisy child who grabs and fights is not the strong child—it is unhappy and uncertain and unable to give anything at all away.

The habit of giving can be gently nurtured from

Gardeners' Plot

In the event of colder weather look through the potatoes in store, and, if they are close to a wall, move them away from it and place a good layer of straw, shavings or newspaper between them and the wall.

Throw away any decayed potatoes and break off the shoots of any which may be sprouting.

Finally, give them a good covering of straw or other material.

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the cradle, and every parent should try to balance what the child receives in presents and what it gives of its own free will to those it loves.

Money need not enter into it at all. Many small children regard money as valuable collections of coins, and loathe to part with it. Never force them to part with it. Instead, show them gifts to make with their own hands.

Whenever you visit friends and are taking small gifts, such as flowers, fruit, or chocolates, let the children take their little gift as well. Make the giving of tiny, inexpensive gifts a continual pleasant occurrence in the nursery. It will foster a feeling of security and well-being in the young mind.

The man who can give away his last sixpence to a friend in need is not a rash fool—but a man who is certain that he can soon earn another. The man who hangs on to his last sixpence is the man afraid of himself.

Gifts should be Surprises

Keep all nursery gifts as surprises. Let father plan gifts for mother and mother gifts for father—and please let it be something the children have made themselves, packed themselves, and pencilled their own wishes on. The joy of their giving is then a thing to be marvelled at and it will far outshine their joy in receiving.

As children get older they should be encouraged to look round and see what people like and what they need—particularly in their own homes. By the age of seven they will be ready to spend a little of their

pocket money in buying materials for having thoroughly acquainted herself with her dressing table equipment.

Home-made Presents

There are so many things they can make. Leather gifts, painted wooden gifts, needlework gifts. And let the tiny ones make home-made pictures, or book-markers—anything and everything that will be an outlet for their artistic ability and love of creative effort.

One child's first gift was a bag of home-picked lavender in a coarsely-made cotton bag and tied with coloured string. It was tucked under her mother's pillow with a long label on it and was an enormous surprise on her birthday morning.

It came from a child of three and a half and was her own idea as she knew her mother liked nice smells—

Thought and Planning

Many grown-ups do not realise how selfish they are in their excess giving to small children. You can be too overpowered with your adult money and gifts—you can rub in your superiority too much, so that you frighten your children into being ashamed of giving their small inexpensive gifts.

Show them early that the thought and planning behind presents are the important things. That you bought them a certain gift because you had noticed that they needed it—not because you had money to spend and liked spending it on them.

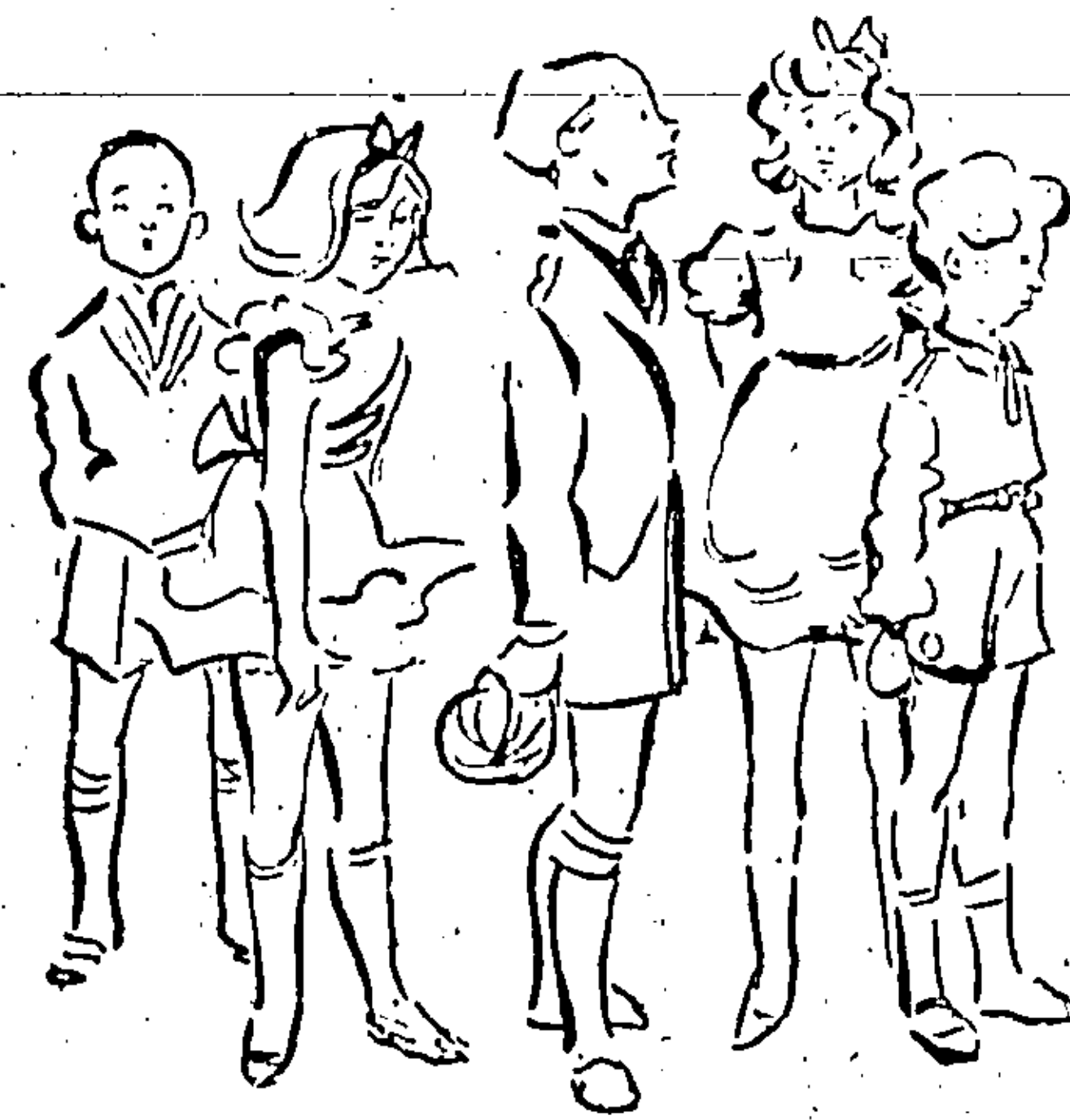
Jane Oliver and Ann Stafford on Entertaining Angels

drawings

by

ANN STAFFORD

"GUESTS who arrive at three o'clock glistening with brilliantine, and grave as angels..."



"THERE," said James's mother, "that's the last of the invitations. The gramophone, or depress an electric light switch."

But what in the world shall we do if all these children come?"

So she, like other anxious-minded mothers, asked her friends' advice during the week that followed.

Some people assured her that they would all be perfectly happy, bless their hearts, if they were just left alone; some maintained that the old games were the best after all; while others said unhappily that the modern child was so sophisticated that they'd rather give half a dozen grown-up parties.

Large Ideas

Children themselves are apt to have rather large ideas. After a conjurer at the Smiths', a ventriloquist at the Robertsons', and tumbling clowns at Brown-Major's, the thought of three hours of hunt-the-slipper and postman's knock leaves them cold.

It is not their fault; for children forced into the gambols of another generation are as uncomfortable as those squeezed into shoes made for differently shaped feet.

We may as well face the fact that modern life matures our children very early. At home they acquire a taste for the marvellous as soon as they can turn on the wireless, wind

up the gramophone, or depress an electric light switch.

So when they go out to a party they like something surprising to be produced for them, even if it is only a rabbit out of a hat or a voice from a velvet doll.

But the conjuring must be expert. The modern child is an exacting critic, and unlikely to have any mercy on a father who has children work for their gifts.

If he is skilled he is lucky. If he is not, he should save himself trouble (and his children considerable agony) by enlisting the services of the entertainment department of one of the great shops, nearly all of which provide side-shows for festivities.

One of the best is the film party. Granted, of course, that some grand and horrid little boy (or girl) is almost certain to be heard piercingly telling the world in an interval of silence that he (or she) has been to a far better show last week.

Talkies may still be beyond the scope of the moderate purse, but many firms will undertake to send an operator, with a large choice of silent films, quite cheaply.

Others allow the mechanically-minded to hire, at a still lower rate, a projector and films, which they will show themselves.

One thing to remember in this case is that it is surprisingly easy for amateur operators, trying out films before the party begins, to become so absorbed that they are roused only by the sound of the door-bell announcing the first guests. Remember, too, that film projectors can be bought cheaply.

Zest of Competition

Parties, at this time of the year, invariably call for presents. An interesting variant of the Christmas tree is the Treasure Hunt, which has the extra advantage of making the children work for their gifts.

If can be arranged as a much simplified and indoor form of the grown-up version, though, organisers should remember that some of the guests (under the influence of haste and excitement, at least) may be unable to read anything but the largest printing.

It is also a wise precaution to prepare conspicuous notices, bearing the now familiar NO ENTRY legend. These will keep the hunters from ransacking, for instance, every drawer in an elderly visitor's bedroom.

And the use of differently coloured wrapping-paper for boys' and girls' treasure will prevent a boy from being disgusted by a doll's trousseau.

On the other hand, the hostess need not be disheartened if all her guests immediately begin swapping their presents. Mothers will confirm that there is nothing the small boy will not swap if it is detachable.

Above all, there is no need for the nervous parent to dread the round of Christmas parties because of the fights which seem to blow up over nothing.

Keeping the Peace

It is certainly a pity that the cheerfulness of the small boy tends to run so much to black eyes. But it is not inevitable that the guests who arrive at three o'clock with their caps in their hands and their slippers in embroidered bags, glistening with brilliantine and grave as angels, will be punching each other in demoniacal heaps by tea-time.

Keep them all busy at something or other from the moment of arrival till that other blessed moment when the last thanks have been mumbled under parental compulsion on the doorstep, and it should be quite possible to give a successful party and yet keep the peace.



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PEERS' BIG BILLS FOR THE CORONATION

ROBE COSTS HUNDREDS

By JANE GORDON

The Coronation is going to cost the peerage a pretty penny according to information gained at Norfolk House, where two wax figures, one dressed in the robes of a peer and the other in the robes of a peeress, are being shown for two weeks.

Many fortunate peers and peeresses have retained their robes from previous Coronations and will be able to wear them unless they are in rags and tatters. Since the last Coronation, however, no fewer than 200 robes have been created.

These gentlemen, with their wives, will, of course, be those who are the most out of pocket. Inquiries at the Earl Marshal's office invariably start with the all-important question: "How much will it cost?"

The answer is, it depends entirely on your rank and the quality of the velvet, miniver and silk used for the robes.

SIX GUINEAS A YARD

Hand-loomed velvet costs six guineas a yard and is made by one firm only, and even if every peer and peeress were prepared to buy this, there would not be sufficient to go round.

Therefore, a good quality stuff velvet at about a guinea a yard will be used.

Each peer wears the same shaped robe, like a voluminous cape, reaching to the ground, of crimson velvet, with a shoulder cape of white miniver fur made with a Peter Pan collar, tied in front with a white silk bow and finished off at the back with a crimson velvet wig bag, the whole cape being lined throughout with silk.

His coronet differs according to rank. A baron's robe will cost him from £60 to £70; his coronet from £5 to £10, and his uniform from £5 to £10.

EXPENSIVE TRAINS

The cost of a peeress' robe depends largely upon her rank. If she is a baroness her train is only 3ft. long, with a 2in. band of fur; a viscountess, 3ft. 6in.; a countess, 4ft. 6in., with a 3in. band of fur; a marchioness, 5ft. 3in., with a 4in. band of fur, and a duchess, 6ft., with a 5in. band of fur. If she is paying six guineas a yard for her velvet the price of her train alone is doubled.

ACCORDEON MAESTRO



Maurice Dufour, the amazing virtuoso of the piano-accordion, will make his Hongkong debut at the Gripps on Saturday night.

THEY MAY PREFER BLONDES BUT NOT ON THEIR STAFFS

Business men in Australia are showing a marked preference for brunettes in their offices. In Brisbane, some employers now refuse to have a blonde on the premises.

The Principals of some of the business colleges explained it to *Austral News*. Brunettes, said one, were more adapted to routine office work. He had known cases of a quick change of staff after a blonde had been entrusted with a monotonous job.

Brunettes are believed to have greater powers of concentration, declared another who cited a well known employer's habit of saying of a girl who had been suggested for a job: "well, she is a little bit on the fair side, isn't she?"

It is unanimously agreed in Australia that employers do not want the "pretty-pretty" girl with doll-like behaviour and appearance unless her efficiency makes up for it.

And The Child Said "Fie"

Queen Victoria once invited a woman friend and her daughter to lunch.

The child was silent and well-behaved till she saw the Queen take a chicken bone between finger and thumb and gnaw it and suck it. "Fie," said the child, and her mother blushed.

The Queen said: "My dear, you are quite right, only I wasn't as well brought up as you have evidently been."

This story was told by Dr. Claude Lillington at the Health Education Conference in London recently.

THOUGHT SLEEPING WIFE WAS DEAD Husband Kills Himself

London, Dec. 10.

Mr. Leonard George Croft, aged 53, of Fern Villas, Quickleylane, Chorley Wood, Hertfordshire, was unable to wake his wife yesterday morning.

He thought she was dead, as she had taken four doses of a sleeping draught the night before because she could not sleep. Mr. Croft wrote a note explaining this and leaving all his property to his mother.

Mrs. Croft, however, was sleeping heavily owing to the draught. She awakened to find her husband dead with his head in a gas oven.

The Watford coroner, Mr. R. A. Godman, recorded a verdict of Suicide while of unsound mind at the inquest last night.

RUSSIAN BALLET DANCER'S DEATH A RARE DISEASE

Adelaide, Dec. 12.

Mira Dimina, a well-known dancer of the Monte Carlo Russian Ballet, died here to-day at the age of 22 from the rare disease of leucocythaemia.

She was taken ill only a month ago, when she left the stage in tears after dancing in *Les Sylphides*. Her mother was summoned from America, and was due to arrive here on December 21.

Mira, whose real name was Madeleine Parker, was a leading member of Colonel de Basil's original Russian Ballet Company. Leucocythaemia is a disease of the blood, in which the white corpuscles develop to an excessive amount. The causes of the disease are unknown. — *Reuter*.

Stork Eustace Followed The Sun Too Late

By ULYSS ROGERS

HATS off! Eustace the Prussian, most popular stork who ever lived in Britain, is dead—in Normandy.

He came with 22 companions from Prussia in June. Four went on to Scotland, 19 settled in Kent, where cartwheels were put across chimney tops for them to build nests. They liked Kent.

With autumn came the call of the south. They flew off, each one's leg with an identity ring. One with a damaged leg went a day late, was found in a field and put out of his misery. Then there were 18.

Three or four went to South Devon, were frightened off by a girl who threw corn too hard at them. Eight went to the Channel Islands and came back. They had missed their way to the unknown spot (for this was their first migration) which was calling to them—experts say it is South Africa via Suez.

Two misguided storks came down at Eton. The others went off to the Isle of Wight, settled happily at Bembridge Vicarage—then grew restless again, flapped away.

But Eustace remained. People fell in love with his artless, homely ways; he was petted and fondled, joined the ducks and geese in the farmyard, perched on the hotel roof at Ryde, hobnobbed with the family of an Army officer. He was becoming an institution.

Then one morning the word went round Ryde, Bembridge, St. Helen's, Seaview—"Where's Eustace?"

The call of Suez and the Cape had at last become irresistible. What storms we have had. What bitter cold. What for? I can picture Eustace battling on across the straits, down the French coast, ever drawn by the great magnet, the Sun. And now, a tear for Eustace. The Normans have found him—dead.

Bernard Shaw Found Cure For Seasickness

THIS is how George Bernard Shaw discovered a cure for sea-sickness.

He was crossing to France on board a destroyer in rough weather during the war.

In the presence of a party of authors and journalists, including the late H. W. Massingham, famous Liberal editor, he walked up and down the deck throughout the voyage with his body relaxed and his knees sagging.

At Boulogne Shaw exulted: "It worked! I'm all right!" "No, you're not seasick," retorted Massingham. "But, by heavens, you've made all the rest of us seasick!"

HOW THEY SAY IT

The method would thus appear to have its drawbacks, comments a Southampton doctor, telling the story in this month's *British Medical Journal*.

Another medical man complains of the grandiose medical terminology of seasickness.

In scientific language "one cannot find one's sea legs by lying in bed" swells into:

"The fundamental requirement for this adaptation is the simultaneous action of the conditioned stimulus and the unconditioned stimulus already established as the activator of the desired reflex."

OPIUM PILLS

Here are the suggestions of three doctors for a cure:

Fresh air; recumbent position; protection from cold.

Take opium pills (because he believes sickness to be due to "disturbance of the semi-circular canals of the ear," which a narcotic will prevent).

Try a hammock (with its use "the movements of the ship are scarcely perceptible.")

Ship surgeons and naval men should have something to say, it is added.

Air Ring of Steel

By McSCOTCH (Famous War-time Pilot)

TWO-DAY I am able to reveal the details of the plan for curtains of steel to defend Britain's cities from air attacks.

These curtains of wire, three-quarters of a mile deep, will be suspended by a line of gigantic balloons 4½ miles high. They will form Britain's innermost line of defence against air invasion.

The balloons will have a capacity of about 100,000 feet, and they will be spaced out at intervals of 20-30 yards. The height of the curtains will be determined by reports from observation posts.

They can reach the height of laden bombers, and by means of winches can be lowered to trap machines attempting to dive below the curtain. Recently orders were placed with wire manufacturers for millions of miles of wire.

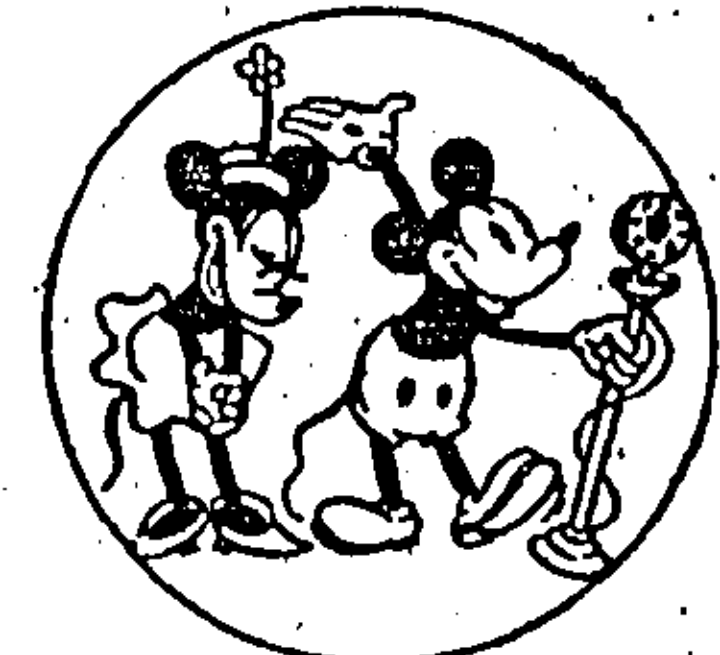
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BLIND CHILDREN'S HOME GIFT TO HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ANNOUNCED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The gift, by an anonymous donor, of a home at Cheung Chau for destitute, blind and crippled children, was announced yesterday by Mr. G. P. de Martin at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. Mr. de Martin stated that the Governor-in-Council had consented to the gift.

The occasion was taken during the meeting to present a bound volume of the annual reports of the Society to Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, who is to leave the Colony shortly on retirement.

The Chairman of the meeting was His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, Patron of the Society. Others present on the dais were Lady Caldecott, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow (President), the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall (Vice-President), Mr. F. H. Losby (Honorary Director), Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg (Lady Caldecott's Secretary), Mr. C. G. Alabaster, and Mrs. P. E. Barker (Honorary General Secretary). Others at the meeting included Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, the Hon. Mr. S. W. Ho, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. W. Schofield, Chev. J. M. Aves, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Rev. H. W. Baines, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Mr. L. D. Skinner, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. J. A. Fraser, Mr. S. V. Boxer and Mr. A. McKellar (Honorary Treasurer).

Welcome To Governor

In welcoming Sir Andrew and Lady Caldecott, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow said:

It is my privilege to welcome Your Excellency and Lady Caldecott and to thank you, on behalf of the Society, for honouring us by your presence. In 1930 the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Passfield, suggested to Sir Cecil Clementi, the then Governor of Hongkong, the founding of a Society for the prevention of cruelty to children. Sir Cecil Clementi acted on the suggestion with enthusiasm and a few of us got together for this purpose. We were fortunate in being able to secure the interest of Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg who had already had considerable experience of such work.

One of our earliest decisions was to adopt a name which was more in keeping with the work done by societies of this nature, and the appropriate name "The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children" was chosen. The Society has been fortunate in securing the interest of the successive occupiers of Government House. Sir Cecil Clementi retained his interest in our work even after he had left Hongkong. Sir William Peel, when in the colony, attended our annual meetings and he and Lady Peel were always anxious to further any objects that might benefit the children of the Colony. You, Sir, when you arrived in Hongkong, gave the clearest indication of your interest in all social activities, and one of your earliest acts was to consent to become Patron of this Society (Applause).

Enthusiastic Committee

As President of the Society during the whole of its life, I can say that we have been extraordinarily well served by an active and enthusiastic executive committee. Their work on behalf of children is not confined only to their services (great though there are) to the Society.

The active work of the Society has attracted many ladies, as well as members of the professions and business men, some record of our work is contained in our annual reports but, of necessity, much is unrecorded.

Until 1930 there had been no organised attempt to deal with the general needs of children in Hongkong. To-day, to mention a little only, of the work done for children, the Government conduct, exceeding well-equipped and ably managed infant welfare centres. The Society has three branches and four whole time inspectors. St. John Ambulance Brigade has a children's ward in their hospital at Cheung Chau. The Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood Convent run a children's hospital and clinic at Shamshuipo. The Government has promised to start a children's hospital when funds are available. Above all, the needs of our children are always kept before the public.

I think we can look back on several well spent years, and can say that we have laid a foundation stone on which the society can, in the future, build with every assurance that its foundations are well and truly laid. In saying this, as the President of the Society, I claim that we have achieved no more than a beginning only, and a bare beginning of the work that is to be done for our children.

I have already briefly referred to Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Mr. Hazlerigg will in about a month's time leave Hongkong on retirement. The General and Executive Committees of the Society have availed themselves of this meeting to make a small presentation to him as a mark of their high esteem and regard as well as their deep appreciation of what he has done for the society. (Applause). The gift is in the form of a bound volume of the annual reports of the Society which, must say, is all that Mr. Hazlerigg is willing to accept, and which will be my pleasure presently to ask your Excellency to present to him.

Great Service

It is impossible to exaggerate the service which Mr. Hazlerigg has rendered to the society in particular and to the children of the Colony in general. He is one of its founders, was its first honorary director, and has served on the Executive Committee

and General Committee from the very beginning. I would be stating a plain fact when I say that he has done more for the Society and for the general welfare of the children in Hongkong than anyone else. (Applause). To him this self-imposed work has been a labour of love. When he was undertaking the onerous duties of honorary secretary and honorary director, he often put in a full day's work for the government and at the same time almost another day's work for the Society out of office hours.

His burning zeal for improving the lot of the poor children, and his great pity for them and for their struggling mothers have converted many people who were at first apathetic or even unsympathetic, into enthusiastic fellow-workers for the cause. His splendid work has been so highly appreciated by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in England that they have made him a member of their Council.

While we in Hongkong shall soon miss his co-operation and guidance, his work will live after him and will ever be a source of inspiration to us all, and to generations to come. (Applause).

Once again I thank your Excellency and Lady Caldecott for attending this afternoon.

Governor's Speech

H. E. the Governor said: I am very grateful for the President's kind words of welcome. In reply I can only say that there is no gathering which my wife and I could attend with greater pleasure, sympathy and interest than the annual meeting of this Society for the Protection of Children.

The world of to-day seems to have run amuck and we hardly date upon our newspapers. I suggest, however, that as Christmas approaches we focus our attention more on what we have cause to be thankful for than on what we need to be fearful for. Let us for example remember that never before in the history of mankind has the claim of the child on the community received such universal recognition. Let us be thankful for this and for the men and women who have brought it about, not forgetting the great name of Charles Dickens, who, more than any other single person, I think, awakened the British conscience in the matter.

But, you will say, precept is precept and practice is practice, and if society has at last got its thoughts right and straight about children, what about its acts? Well, this is where this Society (and other Societies like it) come in and, having once come in, as after reading our annual report you will all realise, there is no possible getting out. On the contrary we shall go on getting in, deeper and deeper, for nobody who directs his steps into the forest of problems that surround children will ever come out of the wood.

A new avenue in the forest, for instance, has just been opened up by this Nutrition question, and a newspaper has exhorted this Society to bring pressure on Government to explore it. Hear, hear! I like pressure. (Applause). Some people, I am afraid, talk of Colonial Governments yielding to pressure as though they were inanimate lumps of dough or sacks of sand. That is, I submit, quite wrong phraseology.

Government Will Act

A Colonial Government is, thank goodness, often energized by the pressure of well-informed and well-considered public opinion and I can conceive of no more welcome or more healthy stimulus; to such pressure it will not yield, a purely passive reflex, but respond and react—words which connote co-operative and progressive acceptance.

And as regards its pursuit of this particular problem of malnutrition Government will have the backing, or the pressure if you prefer that term, not only of this Society but of the Colonial Office and the League of Nations. Only yesterday I received a long despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject with some very interesting enclosures.

There are other points brought forward in this Society's annual report and in press comments on it in which Governmental action is suggested in other directions. It has been a great regret and disappointment to me that my first Budget in this Colony has been dictated by a still present, though I hope lessening, depression, and by obscurity, rather than security, of future outlook. We are in fact only just holding our ground and are quite unable to sound the advance. I am nevertheless bold to hope that things will improve and that, when they do, those who press for an extension of public social services will back me in pressing also for the extra taxation necessary to finance them. (Applause).

Tribute to Mr. Hazlerigg

This speech is getting rather long, but there is one thing more that I want to say before sitting down. As the President has told you, our agenda this afternoon unfortunately includes a farewell presentation. During the past year I have heard much, read much and seen much of local social service. The little heaven

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Nevertheless as Patron of this Society and Governor of this Colony I must and I do publicly thank him for services which will not only live long in our personal memories but have a permanent monument in the betterment of conditions for the children of Hongkong. (Applause).

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Where all so generously give their labour, it is perhaps invidious to attempt discrimination, but common justice calls for special mention of the splendid services rendered by Mr. F. H. Losby as Honorary Director, by Mr. A. McKellar as Honorary Treasurer, and by Mrs. P. E. Barker as Honorary General Secretary. With our gratitude to Mr. Losby must unhappily be coupled our regret that pressure of business has compelled his relinquishment of office. Fortunately for the Society, Mr. G. P. de Martin, who has wide experience as a member and past Chairman of the Executive Committee, has consented to act as Honorary Director.

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Nevertheless as Patron of this Society and Governor of this Colony I must and I do publicly thank him for services which will not only live long in our personal memories but have a permanent monument in the betterment of conditions for the children of Hongkong. (Applause).

Lastly I desire to thank all who have worked for, and all who have given to, this Society during the past year. When Christmas comes let us all have ears to hear, and so listen to the call of the Master across the centuries:

"Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, he shall in no wise lose his reward." (Applause).

Thanks to Governor

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Kotewall said:

It has been a matter of great gratification to all members that Your Excellency and Lady Caldecott have become our Patrons. Lady Caldecott has further shown her practical interest in the Society by becoming President of the Women's Auxiliary, that invaluable organization which has done so much for the poor children in Hongkong, and to which the Society is indebted for more than a quarter of its income last year.

Details of the Society's work during the year appear in the annual report, I need not therefore weary you with a multiplicity of statistics beyond directing your attention to the table on the last page which shows, in a striking manner, the growth of the Society's work since its inception seven years ago. In 1930-31—the first complete year of our working—333 new cases were dealt with. The number rose to 881 the next year, and has since been rising steadily until it now stands at about 1,600. Thus, during the last seven years the Society has been directly concerned with the welfare of over 11,700 children.

Those who study the balance sheet must be struck by the small proportion the cost of administration bears to expenditure. It is no exaggeration to say that the work of the Society could not be carried on upon its present basis if it were not for the free gift of personal service by the whole administrative staff. From the beginning, the Society has steadfastly set its face against a paid administrative personnel. It believes that for work of such vital importance to the community, voluntary workers will always be forthcoming; and it feels that every possible dollar of the money entrusted to it should go towards the relief of those whom the Society stands charged to protect. (Applause).

Where all so generously give their labour, it is perhaps invidious to attempt discrimination, but common justice calls for special mention of the splendid services rendered by Mr. F. H. Losby as Honorary Director, by Mr. A. McKellar as Honorary Treasurer, and by Mrs. P. E. Barker as Honorary General Secretary. With our gratitude to Mr. Losby must unhappily be coupled our regret that pressure of business has compelled his relinquishment of office. Fortunately for the Society, Mr. G. P. de Martin, who has wide experience as a member and past Chairman of the Executive Committee, has consented to act as Honorary Director.

Income Over Expenditure

It will readily be appreciated that any increase in the number of cases dealt with by the Society involved a commensurate increase in calls upon its funds. It is therefore particularly gratifying to find that, despite an increase of 400 in the number of new cases dealt with during the year, the Society's income has, for the first time for several years, exceeded its expenditure. The excess is only a matter of \$12, but it is a refreshing change not to have to carry forward a deficit, and the fact that a substantially increased income has been forthcoming to meet our increased expenditure shows that the community has awakened to the urgent needs of the children of the poor. (Applause).

I must remind you, and the community at large, that the Society is dependent on voluntary contributions for three-quarters of its revenue. Its future lies in the hands of the public. Each succeeding year has served more clearly to show how dire is the poverty which the Society seeks to alleviate, and how urgent is the need for financial help. It is unthinkable that the people of this Colony will allow the Society's work to be halted, or curtailed, for lack of funds; it is unthinkable, too, that our community should be deaf to the appeal of an organization which does but voice a cry for help from those who cannot help themselves—the children of the poorest of our poor.

There are two needs which have become increasingly apparent during the past year. They are the need for a home for blind boys, and a home for crippled children. The Colony is fortunate in having three institutions which care for blind girls; but there is none for blind boys or for crippled children. By special arrangement, the Society has recently been able to place two little blind boys in the Aw Kai Hospital at Cheung Chau, but that institution cannot take in more, and there is no place to which any blind boys can be sent in the future. Unless blind boys and crippled children can be placed in institutions on a permanent basis, the result is inevitable. They will fall into the hands of unprincipled people

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A FINAL APPEAL

Christmas is approaching with its numerous calls for generosity, and it seems desirable to close the King George V. Memorial Fund before it becomes one of too many claims on our charity. I therefore propose to close the subscription lists on Saturday, December 19th, and I ask every citizen of Victoria and Kowloon to put to himself the following questions:

(1) Have I fully appreciated the nature of the Memorial, which is that the thank-offerings of those who prospered under the late reign will be devoted to the recreation of poor people, in crowded areas; so that Hongkong's monument to King George will not be a lifeless statue of him but a living and permanent realisation of his desire for the health and happiness of his poorest subjects?

(2) Are the ninety thousand dollars that have already been raised the most that Hongkong can do?

(3) If not, can I add to the amount, even though my contribution be small?

(4) Or, having already given, can I give more?

A. CALDECOTT,
GOVERNOR.

BAD LUCK HOSPITAL HAS GOOD LUCK

The Serpent They Wouldn't Pull Down

GOOD LUCK has come to East Grinstead's new cottage hospital since the authorities defied superstition and refused to spend £63 in removing the twined serpent—symbol of Aesculapius, god of healing—which rears itself from the roof.

Superstitious East Grinstead people shuddered when they first saw the snake on the roof. "It's bad luck," they said, and shook their heads.

ALWAYS BLAMED

They blamed the serpent for the rain that fell when Princess Helena Victoria opened the hospital on January 8.

They blamed the serpent when the matron, Miss Garlett, and a nurse fell ill and became the hospital's first patients.

They blamed the serpent when two patients died within ten days of the opening ceremony.

In February they demanded that the serpent should go—and a weather vane take its place.

But the authorities said, "Nonsense. The serpent cannot do us any harm. Besides, it will cost £63 to take it away."

People who read about the hospital and the serpent sent donations.

Miss Garlett said: "We had one anonymous donation for £1,000. No one has the faintest idea who sent it."

"We have now one of the finest X-ray departments in the country."

"The serpent has certainly brought us no bad luck. It is still up there and we're all cheerful down here below it."

"Everything looks very rosy. Most of the patients get better. We are very happy about everything—and I don't think any one fears the serpent now."

BALKAN POWERS DISCUSS NEXT WAR

Ankara, Dec. 18.
NEGOTIATIONS for the united command of the armies of the Balkan Entente (Turkey, Rumania, Greece, and Yugoslavia) should the Entente ever find itself at war are believed to be afoot.

This is the upshot of the conversations which Marshal Chakmak, Turkish chief of the general staff, had with his fellow chiefs of staff at the recent Balkan Entente conference at Bucharest.

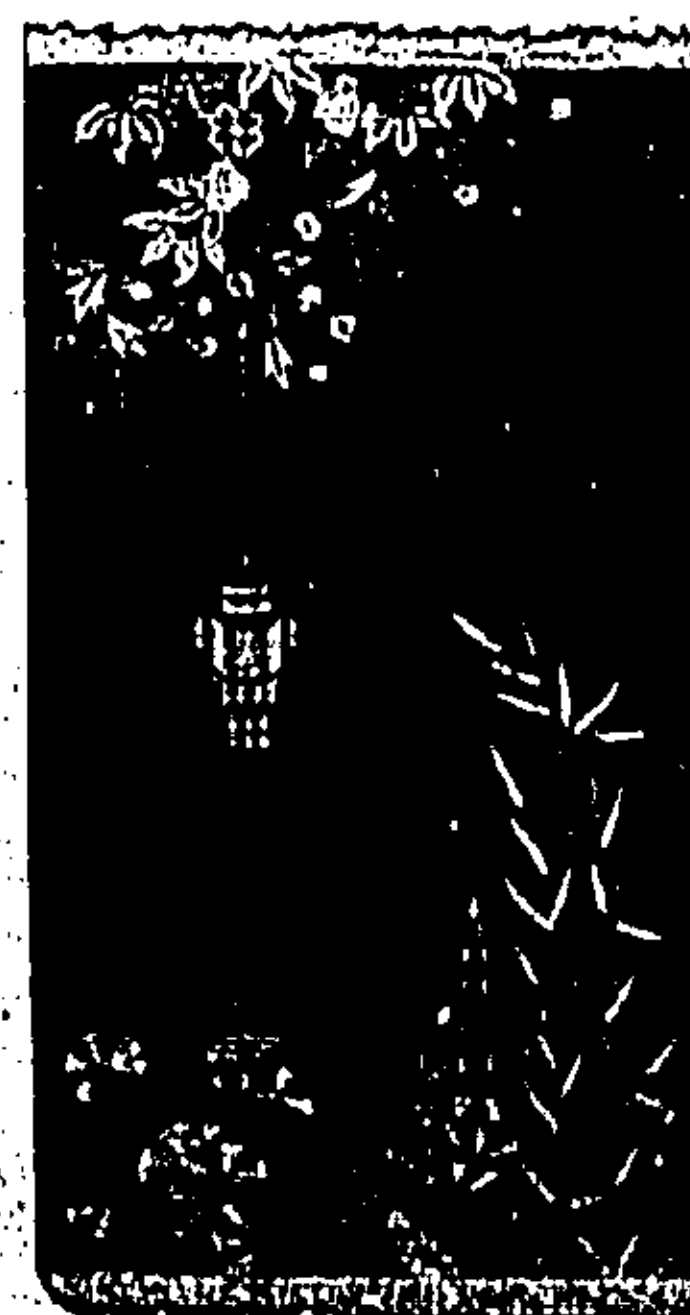
The Marshal had since had a series of important conferences with President Ataturk on this subject.

Chaperones For Tokyo Girls At Olympiad

Tokyo, Dec. 18.
PRINCIPALS of Tokyo schools met to discuss "the organization of a special agency to work for a manifestation of the true spirit of Japan in 1940 (Olympic Games year) through the graceful demeanour of its girls."

This is what they decided about the girls:—

1. They should stop dressing like revue actresses;
2. They should be chaperoned when attending the Games;
3. They must not ask foreign athletes for autographs.—Reuter.



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THREAT TO LYNCH GENERAL IN JAIL

Louisville (Kentucky), Dec. 20.
BRIGADIER-GENERAL HENRY DENHARDT, 60-year-old former Lieutenant-Governor of Kentucky, has been brought to the jail here, charged with the murder of his 40-year-old fiancée, Mrs. Verna Taylor.

The scene of the alleged crime was 70 miles away, but Denhardt was moved for fear of mob violence.

Mob Around Jail

At Newcastle on Friday, after he had been remanded to go before a grand jury on a charge of first degree murder, Kentucky Hill folk swirled around the little jail with threats to lynch him.

In his first utterance since arrest Denhardt to-day said the aristocrat widow he had been courted had frequently threatened to end her life, and that on their last motor trip she had suggested, "Let's die together."

Nervously pacing the three-room suite of the comfortable "cells," where he is watched day and night for fear of suicide attempts, Denhardt told an interviewer his version of what happened.

"We were driving through the hills when suddenly she reached into the glove compartment of the car and seized my heavy Army revolver. It was fully loaded. I wrenched it from her, replaced it, and locked the compartment."

Forgiveness Plea

"Then she told me almost hysterically how she had been courted by another man. He had expected to marry her until I gave her an engagement ring."

"I putted her head and told her to stop thinking about it. Then she pleaded for my forgiveness—as if I'd anything to forgive."

"When the car broke down later I was trying to arrange repairs when Mrs. Taylor evidently slipped away suddenly. I was shocked by the blast of a gun."

"I rushed to the car and found the glove compartment open, the gun gone, and the keys missing. Then I heard a second shot."

"I hurried down the road with two farmers. We found her in the ditch, my revolver at her side."

Famous Author Asks Coronation Amnesty

MR. COMPTON MACKENZIE, the famous author, has issued a forceful appeal for a Coronation amnesty for Dartmoor Prison mutineers.

The inspiration of this appeal was a visit which Mr. Wilfred Macartney, author of a sensational prison book, who had served 10 years' penal servitude, paid to Mr. Mackenzie in the novelist's home on the Island of Barra.

For 12 months Mr. Macartney stayed on Barra and wrote his exposure of prison conditions, "Walls Have Mouths." But for Mr. Compton Mackenzie's encouragement this book, which shocked all Britain, might never have been written.

Now Mr. Mackenzie, who heard many grim tales of prison horrors during the writing of the book, appeals for remission of the long sentences of penal servitude passed on convicts who took part in the Dartmoor mutiny. The appeal, which has been sent

Sent Him Mad

"One man by the name of Ibbotson," the appeal states, "who had only a few months to serve to finish a four years' sentence, was given an additional 10 years. It sent him mad, and he is now in Broadmoor Asylum."

"At the last two Coronations considerable remissions of sentences were granted to prisoners. Is it too much to ask that at the forthcoming Coronation the suffering of these men shall not be forgotten?"

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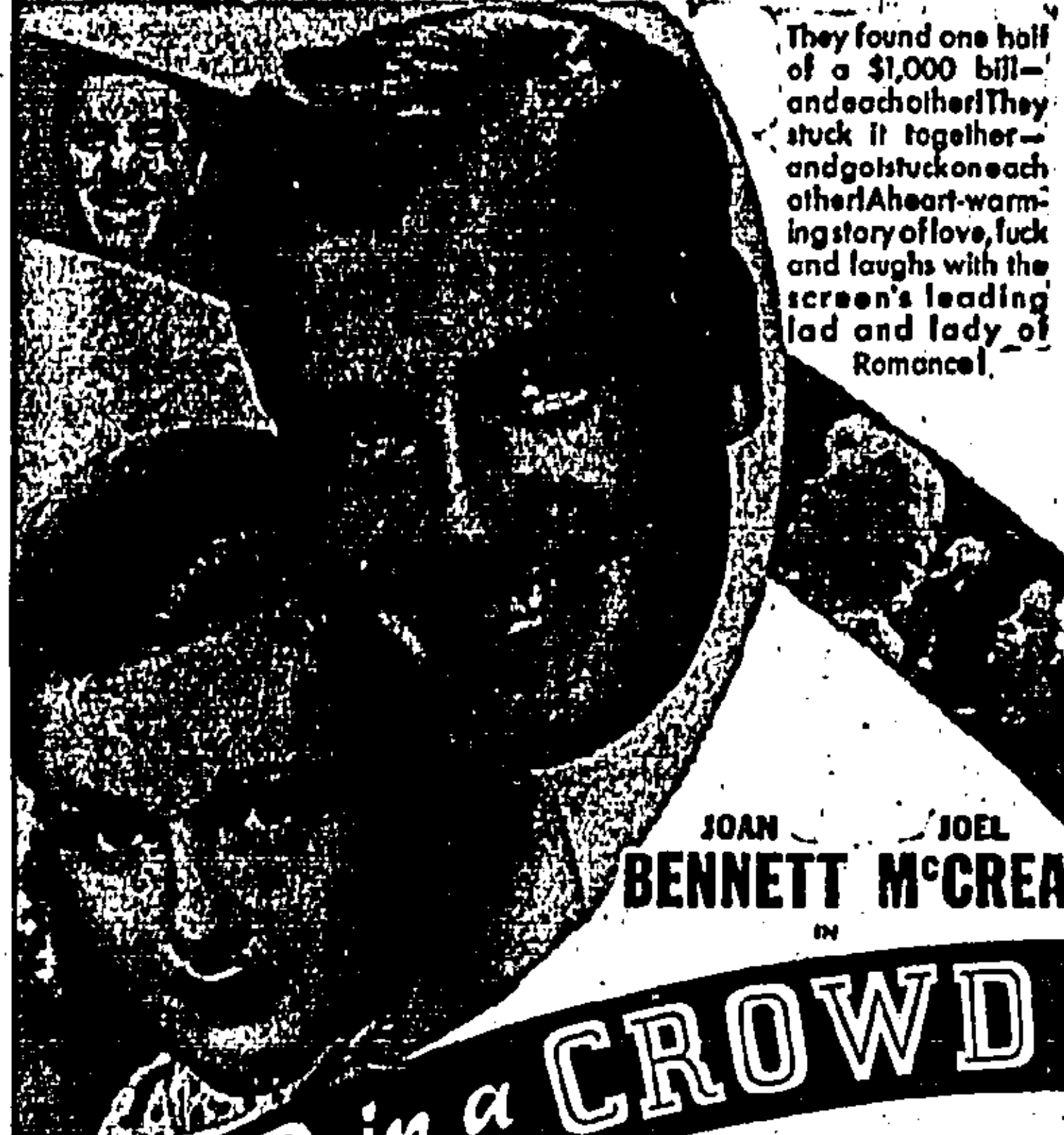
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Men and Things Abroad

by BERNARD MOORE

THREATENED extension of the South Manchurian Railway south of the Great Wall of China is causing grave concern in China.

The South Manchurian Railway, of course, provided the Sarajevo "milo shot" that began the Sino-Japanese war and plunged the League of Nations into its first major international dispute with disastrous results.

The "Mukden Incident" when, according to the Japanese version, a length of railway line—it was only three feet in any case—was blown up, was the signal for the Japanese aggression in Manchuria.

In the conflict that followed, Japan defied the League and, by doing so successfully, without any doubt encouraged Mussolini to launch on his Abyssinian venture.

£11,000,000 Scheme

RECENTLY Mr. Matsuo, General Manager of the South Manchurian Railway, announced that an attempt would shortly be made to raise two hundred million yen, over eleven million pounds, for immediate use in enterprises south of the Great Wall.

The same Mr. Matsuo pleaded the Japanese case at the League Assembly and was privileged to lead his delegation and Japan out of the League of Nations.

I remember him in Geneva when, clad in a brown kimono, he told me almost with tears in his eyes that he represented the great proletariat.

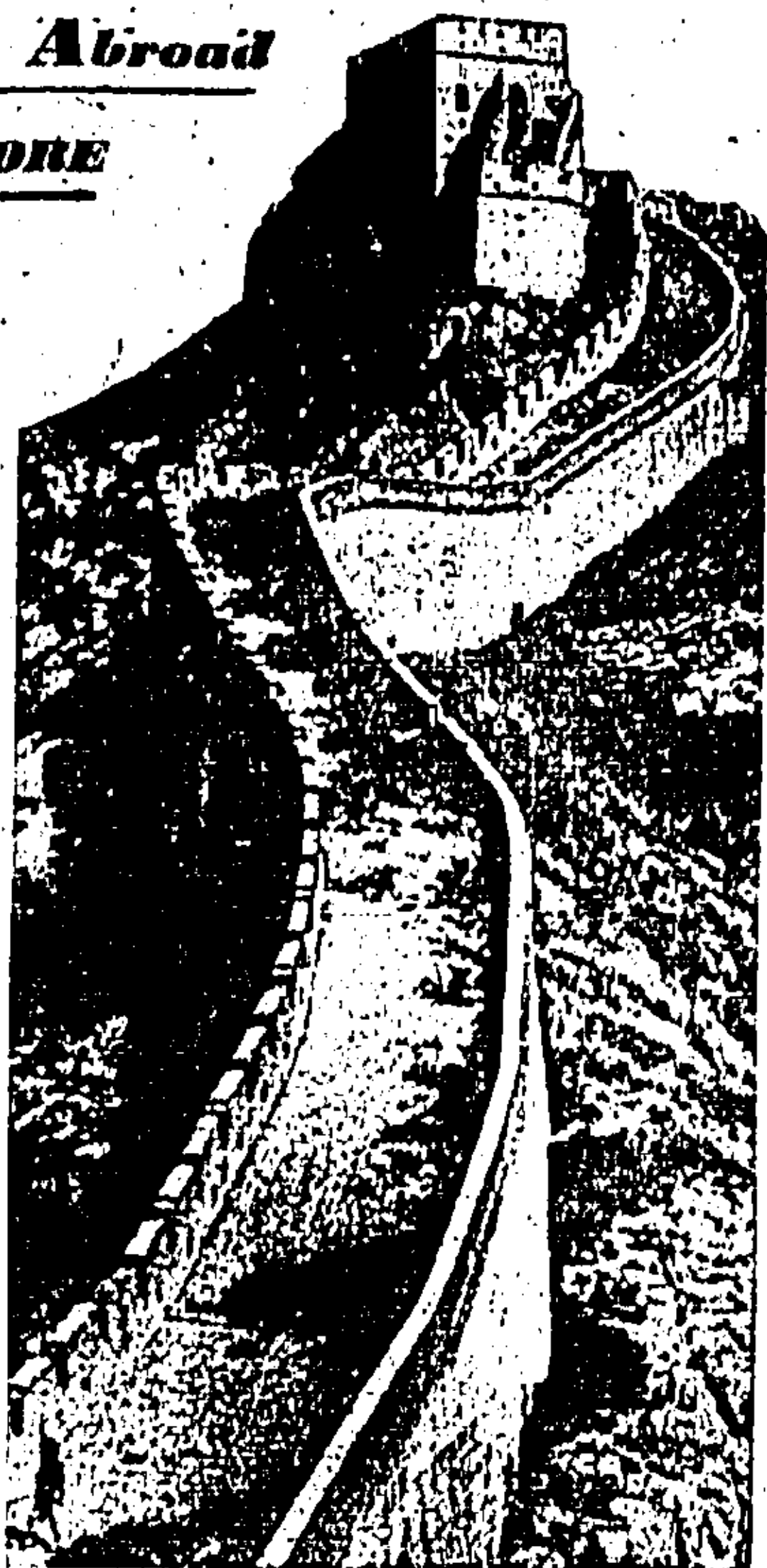
I remember him, too, perpetrating in the League Council the most magnificent mixed metaphor I have ever heard. He was complaining of some new Chinese "aggression." "This is the last straw that breaks the over-stretched rubber band," he said.

The Spear-Head

BUT, Mr. Matsuo represents an organisation which, in the Chinese view, has always been used as a spearhead of Japanese expansionist activity.

No explanation is required to convince thoughtful Chinese, including every schoolboy and girl in the land, that of all the semi-official enterprises of Imperial Japan on the Continent of Asia, none has exercised such satanical influence in the relations of oriental nations as the South Manchurian Railway," writes the "China Weekly Review."

The paper goes on to say that, recently, Chinese warlords in the North granted the railway the right to con-



South of the Great Wall
"satanical influence is at work."

struct a number of new railways extending into the coal and iron districts of Chahar and Shanai and the cotton-growing areas of Honan and Shanai, several hundred miles south of the Great Wall.

Small wonder that the Chinese fear another Mukden incident which might well result in Japan adding another chunk of territory consisting of the provinces of Hopei, Chahar, Suiyan, Shanai and Shantung to the puppet State of Manchukuo.

Queer Olive Branch

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI seems to pluck his olive branches from a blackhorn tree. A fortnight ago he talked of an olive branch reinforced by millions of bayonets. This week, his peace offer in the Mediterranean was backed by a threat that Italy would rise, to a man, if his demands were not met.

Mr. Eden's reply in the House of

TROUBLE OVER the WALL

Commons was timely. He welcomed the Duce's assurances that he had not the intention of threatening the British Empire's arterial road.

It is difficult, indeed, to see what Mussolini means when he talks of recognising Italy's interests in the Mediterranean. Does it mean naval control of the Sea? The only other interests Italy can have are of an economic character and no one has ever threatened them, so it is intriguing to know why he is making such a storm in a teacup.

Although the Non-Intervention Committee at first decided, for some unfathomable reason, that its proceedings and all its documents should be kept in deepest mystery, there has been inevitably, fairly full publicity given to its tortuous discussions in the Press of all countries.

But it is amusing to see that Italy, in the front rank in protesting against Russian breaches of the secrecy undertaking, is hardly in a position to cast stones.

On October 28, Signor Grandi, the Italian Ambassador, presented to Lord Runcorn a list of allegations against Russia of infractions of the Non-Intervention Agreement.

Next day, the full text of the Note was published by the Italian Press, which had received it from the official Italian news agency.

Unfortunately for the Italian Government, the old excuse of journalistic indiscretions cannot be used, for the only indiscretions permitted in the Italian Press are those authorised by the Government.

Soviet Congress

WHEN the All-Union Congress of Soviets meets in Moscow at the end of this month, one of those who played an important part in drawing up the new Constitution which it meets to approve will not be present.

Karl Radek, world-famous journalist and writer on foreign affairs in "Izvestia," is languishing in a Soviet jail on a charge of conspiring against the State. He was responsible for the final drafting of the text of the Constitution. An interesting develop-

ment envisaged in the new charter is that the U.S.S.R. will, in future, be composed of 11 "Union Republics," instead of the existing seven.

The Turkmenian, Uzbek, Tajik, Kazakh, and Kirghiz Soviet Socialist Republics, clumped together between the Caspian Sea and Afghanistan, and hitherto known under the high-sounding title of Transcaucasian Socialist Federal Soviet Republics, will be separately represented and separately mentioned in the Constitution.

Secret Ballot

MOST important of the changes, of course, will be the new form of Parliamentary representation. In a way, the new political organisation of Russia is reminiscent of the Swiss Federal system.

The Executive organ, corresponding to the British Cabinet, is to be the Council of People's Commissars, consisting of the Chairmen of the vital "Committees" which correspond, nearly enough, to our Governmental departments.

This Executive is responsible to the Supreme Council, consisting of two Chambers—the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities. Both Chambers are to have equal rights and will be elected for a period of four years.

The Council of the Union is to be elected on the basis of one deputy for each 300,000 of the population, and will thus have a membership of some 600 deputies. They will be elected by secret ballot—a tremendous step forward.

Another important change marking the development towards a regular Parliamentary Constitution is that the Supreme Council will meet twice a year regularly. In the intervals both Chambers will be represented by a Praesidium of 37 members.

Hitherto, the All-Russian Congress of Soviets has met at irregular intervals on an average once every two years.

One interesting development foreseen for the future is the adherence of Outer Mongolia on the Chinese frontier to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This State is independent, but receives considerable assistance and protection from the Soviet Union.

A Busy Week

THE diplomats are going round and around, and the music—usually of the military variety—seems to come out almost anywhere.

For the statesman, especially in



MARSHAL RYDZ-SMIGLY

Would-be Dictator of Poland

Central Europe, are playing general post this week with a vengeance. Some of them are in Vienna for the Danubian Conference; Admiral Horthy, the Hungarian Regent, is bound for Rome; King Emmanuel of Italy is to go to Budapest and Prince Paul of Yugoslavia comes to London.

Meanwhile, guest of the week here is Colonel Joseph Beck, Poland's dour Foreign Minister, who since Pilsudski's death has been carrying on a behind-the-scenes struggle with Marshal Rydz-Smigly for the dictatorship of Poland.

Rydz-Smigly appears to be winning at the moment. He returned from his recent trip to Paris a popular hero and received his Marshal's baton yesterday, as a reward.

And Rydz-Smigly on top means, anyhow for the present, a pro-French foreign policy in Poland.

Landslide

IT is refreshing to see that Geneva, despite all its present troubles, succeeds in keeping a sense of humour. No sooner had the amazing result of the United States Presidential election been received than Carlo, the League's barman, invented a new cocktail in the President's honour.

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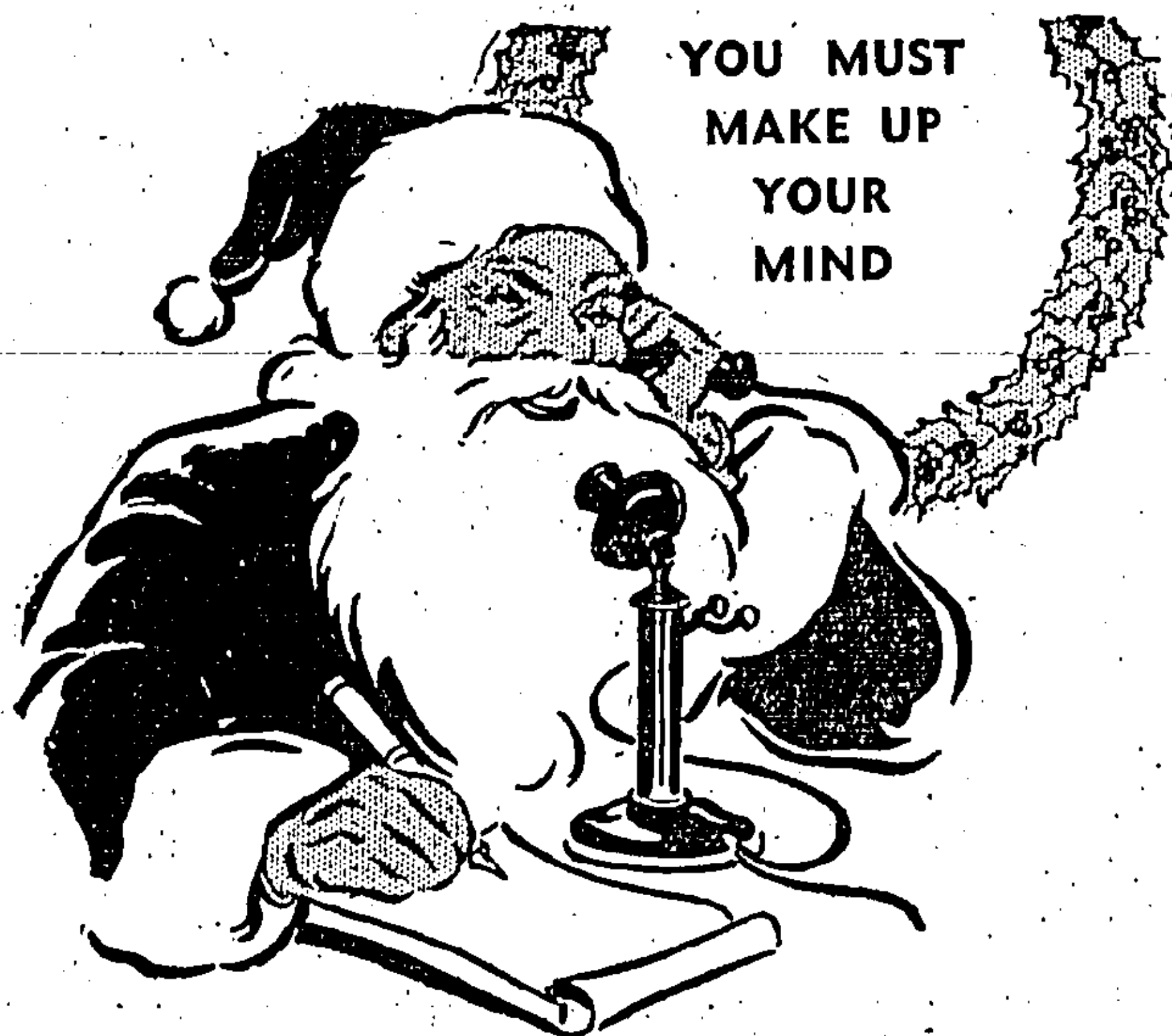
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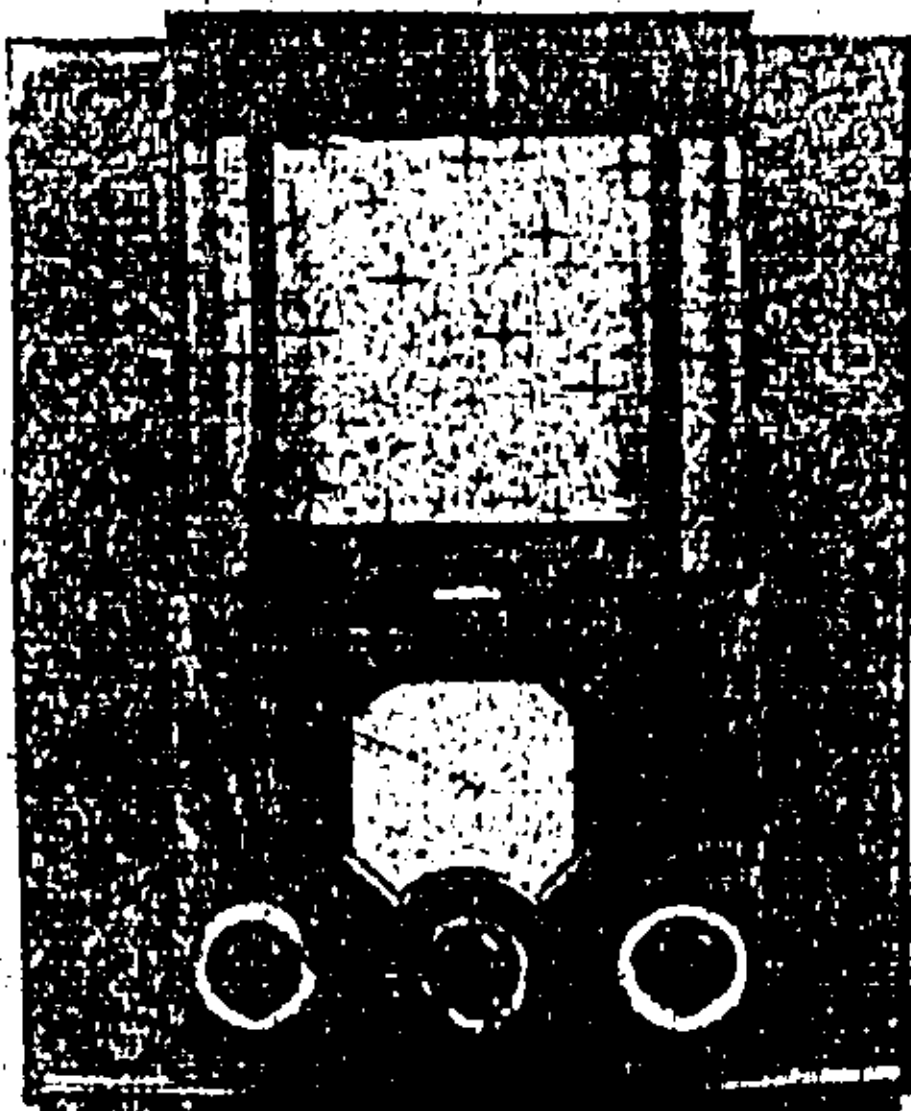
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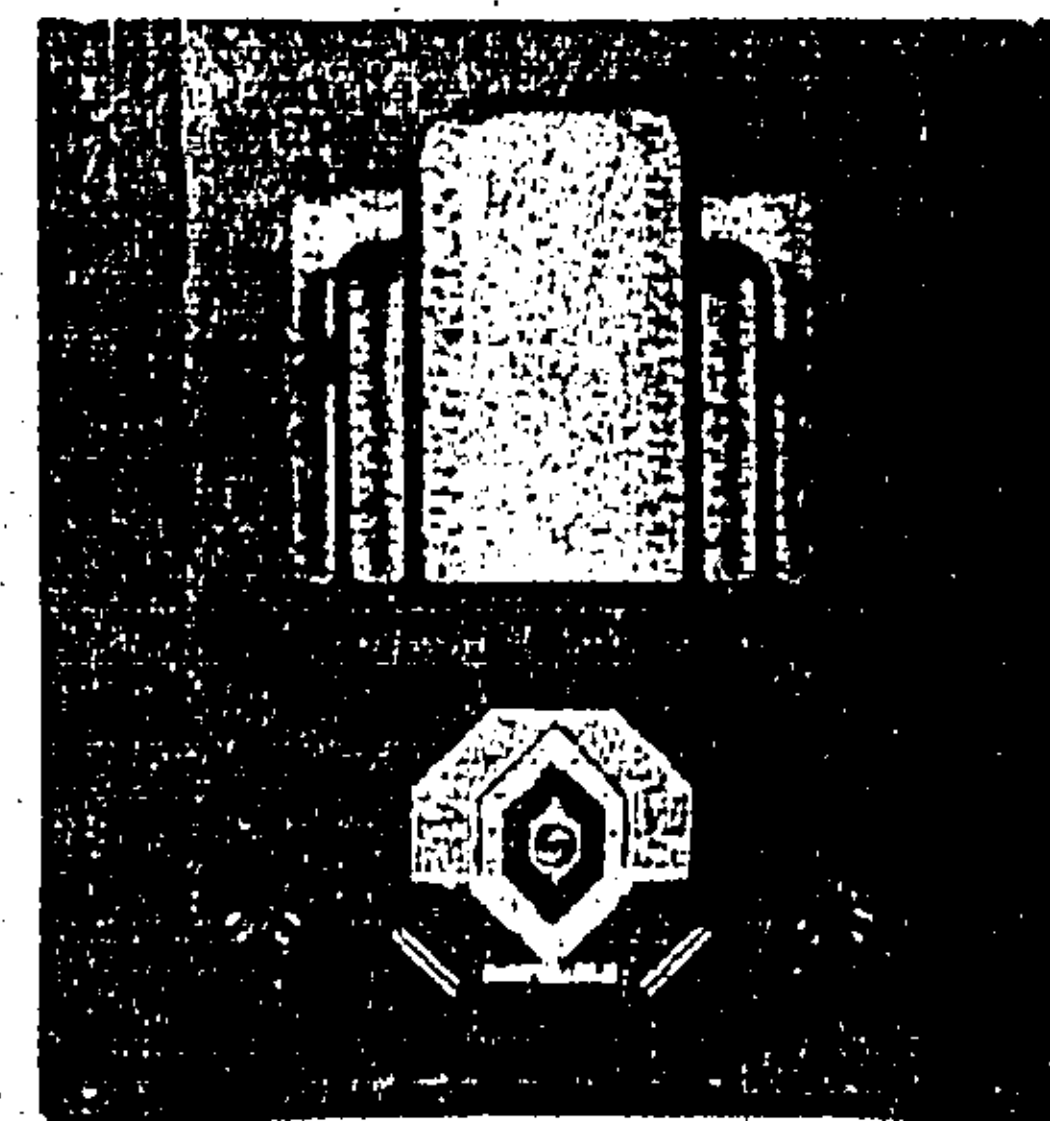
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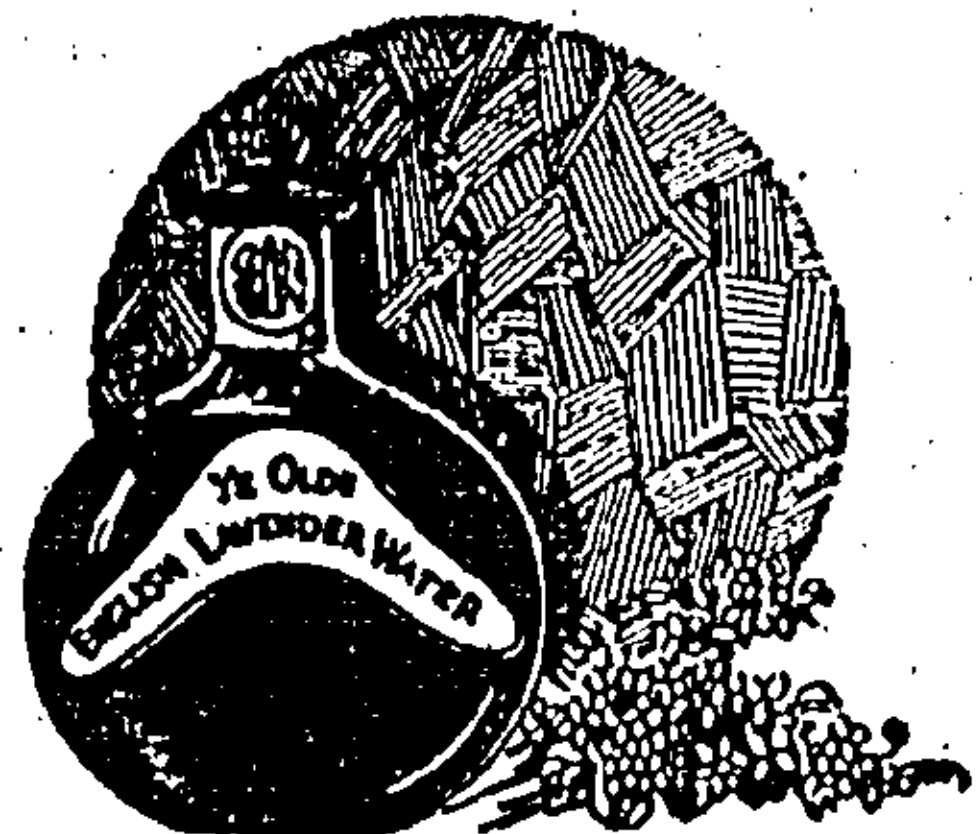
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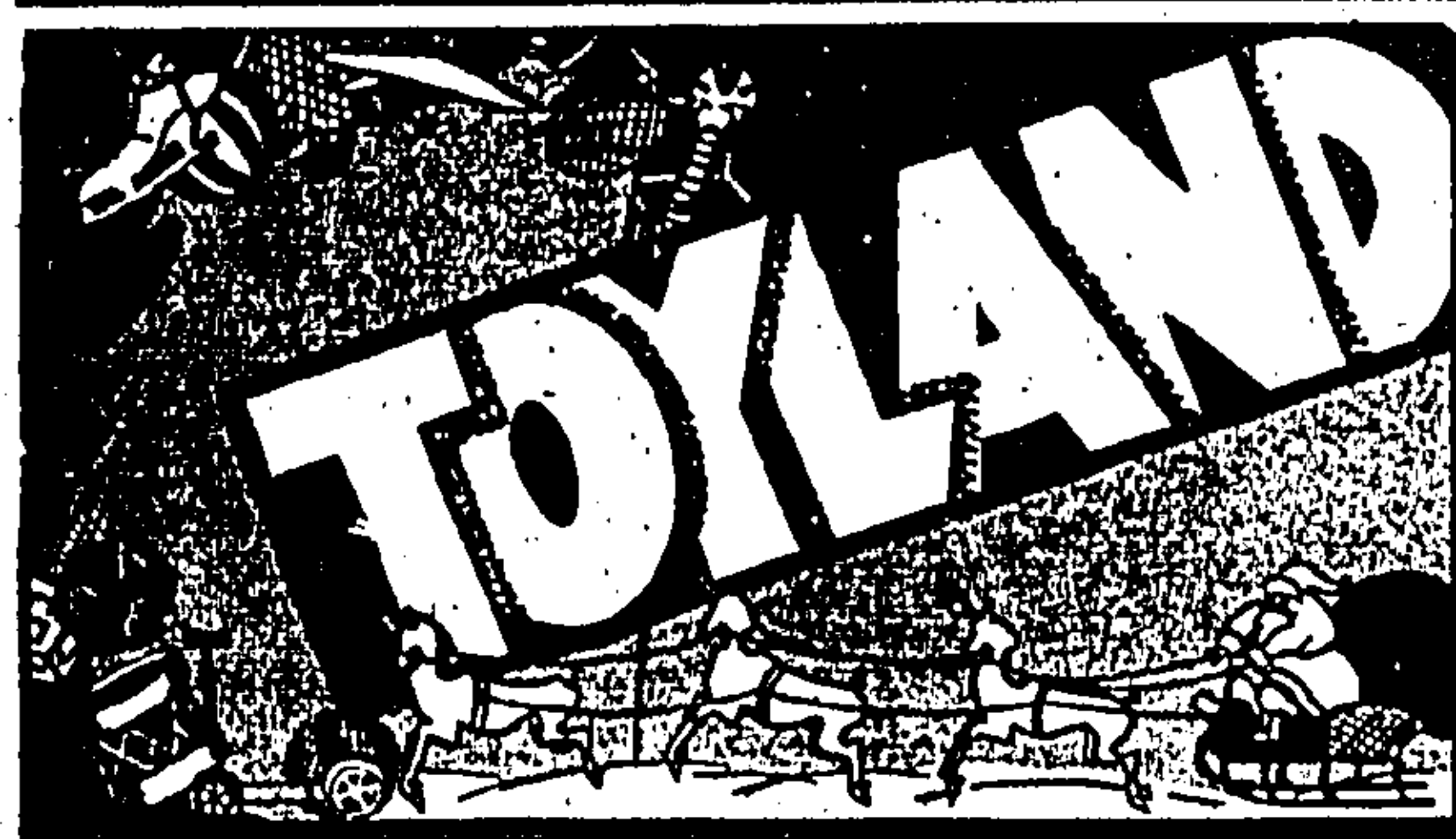
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DEPRESSED AREAS

One of the most difficult and disturbing features of the unemployment problem at home is to be found in what are called Special Areas. These are districts where local industries have, for various reasons, become practically derelict. Many of these areas are in the coal-mining districts, such as that in South Wales which ex-King Edward recently visited. Two years ago, the Government appointed Mr. P. Malcolm Stewart as Commissioner for these areas, his task being to study the problems and to devise measures for improving the conditions therein. Mr. Stewart at first stipulated that he should serve for one year only, but he has now resigned after two years' service. His third and final report, just issued, contains no fewer than twenty specific recommendations. One of these relates to the further expansion of industry in Greater London, and in dealing with it Mr. Stewart says the rapidity of London's growth is a cause for alarm. It is a danger to the general welfare of London's present population and also to the national well-being. In case of hostile attack in war time there would be great difficulty in providing adequate protection or food supplies for the inhabitants. To prevent any further needless expansion, it is therefore suggested that industrialists should be asked their reasons for seeking to establish themselves in London; if their reasons are not found to be valid they should be restrained from doing so—though left free to choose elsewhere. The psychological factor is said to play a part also in keeping manufacturers away from the Special Areas. They fear that the present distress makes these districts unsuitable for the development of industrial activity, and for this reason Mr. Stewart suggests that, as a means of overcoming their objections, the State should offer manufacturers special inducements. The inducements suggested include a measure of relief from income tax and from local rates, and the grant of long-term loans at a low rate. These inducements would apply only to new industries established in the areas and to extensions to existing industries, and might operate for a period of seven years. Other recommendations include financial assistance in

• what can we
give Aunt Rose?

I DID promise to keep off the subject of Christmas presents for another year, but you know me—conscientious. Don't seem to be able to let a thing ride.

I'm not worried about having missed any of the best bargains. It's something deeper than that: finer. Have I, I ask myself (and the answer is practically always no), have I got down to the soul of the question?

It turns out, after much thought, that there is something missing, and what it is is the technique, or the art, if I may put it so strongly, of selecting, giving, and sending.

We have, of course, all studied the thing in theory. There is that say-so, for instance, which has been said once, even if it hasn't been said a hundred times, that the ideal way to choose a present is to select something you really would like to keep for yourself.

Now it seems to me there are flaws in this. It could only work out in the most satisfactory way if the giver was one of your own household. I do know of a young wife who, unsure of her taste in ties (after a study of the funny papers) upped and gave her husband a set of real lace and crepe de Chine undies (small women's). They both liked the present very much. For recipients outside of the house a more complicated routine must be developed.

There is, of course, the simple method of buying the present, telling yourself it is for you, and keeping it. But that is not so much technique as downright cheating.

With thought I have devised this plan. The crux of the matter is to buy your presents early. The shops have been telling you to do this for ages, but they forgot to say why.

POEM

When icicles hang by the wall,
And Dick the shepherd
blows his nail,
And Tom bears logs into the
hall,
And milk comes frozen home
in pail,
When blood is nipp'd, and
ways be foul,
Then nightly sings the staring
owl,

To-whit!
To-whit!—a merry note,
While greasy Joan doth keel
the pot.

When all about the wind doth
blow,
And coughing draws the
parson's nose,
And birds sit brooding in the
snow,
And Marian's nose looks red
and raw,
When roasted crabs hiss in the
bowl,
Then nightly sings the staring
owl,

To-whit!
To-whit!—a merry note,
While greasy Joan doth keel
the pot.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

the Special Areas for plant to extract oil from coal; the improvement of existing and the building of new bridges and harbours; improvement of communications in certain districts; settlement on the land for a number of families; the provision of special training for the unemployed; and "settlement in the British Empire overseas should be resumed as soon as possible." Meanwhile many undertakings for the improvement of the Special Areas have already been undertaken, but these are not generally considered adequate to the needs, and the Government therefore contemplates more comprehensive plans for dealing with the problem.



"Albert, how
would you like
me to give you
curtains this year?"

The
Technique
of giving
presents

by

MOLLY
CASTLE

Answer is that they looked a lot
for the money.

Some people hold that even better sport can be had in choosing a present for an enemy than choosing one for yourself. "Enemies' presents" come into the latter class only if the enemy has Pride and can be guaranteed to post the present right back by the next mail. But it's a bit of a risk, this, and there is a better way.

Firms are very helpful about the enemy type of present. They fix up a lovely hollid box with mistletoe stuck through the bow so that the enemy is fooled for a moment into thinking she has got something. I know of a powerful disinfectant in the cunningest of little packages, and there is even a label which says "she could use this."

This is almost ideal, but perhaps less subtle than the wrong-coloured powder, a face cream which grows a beard, or a hat which was made for quite another profile (and which she'll have to wear every time you ask her to bridge).

A mirror is a fine present for a girl who is all run down because she foolishly goes to her office after a night out, which is what they call burning the candle at both ends.

Of course, you may already have gone ahead in the ordinary way buying the ordinary presents for the ordinary people you know, and my notes may be too late. Not quite too late, though. I can still warn you not to give the present until the very last minute.

Believe me, it's the safest way. Give them a week early and see what happens. The recipient looks the present up and down and upside down, sniffs and says h'm, electro plate, not even silver. Well, they certainly don't get the radio set I'd promised. At the most a cocktail shaker.

Of course, if you had happened to buy a radiogram when

a gramophone record was all that was expected, two weeks before Christmas would not be too early to post. Then just sit back and wait, turn the other cheek, hold out the other hand.

However, the only time I can really advocate this last course, because, human beings being what they are, you can't be too careful, is when you are giving a Good Impression present. These have to be very carefully thought out and regarded purely as an investment. They must only be given to the person (or his wife and family) who has it in his power to give you a rise.

And don't think you can get away with putting a chain store present into a Bond-street box. Suppose they try to change it?

There used to be such presents. Bath salts, for instance. Such a handsome bottle, such a lot of bright-coloured crystals; such a big ribbon bow, and all for the price of a bar of soap. Yes, it was a good present once, but that was before sophistication set in. It's too late for that now. As far back as last Christmas I was at a party where one of the guests was carried away in hysterics caused by her sixth (and last) jar of bath crystals. Her voice, echoing up the lift shaft, proclaimed that in any case the doctor only let her use pine needles.

So far I have left out presents for children. Children are hard to fool, and most of the time they haven't even got good manners. They are not yet the little hypocrites they will be when you've finished with them.

For this reason it is better that they should be kept out of the way should your Good Impression present bring the Big Chief round to your home bearing, not the raise you had planned, but, instead, teddies for your little ones. It's not that children can't lie, it's that they won't do it in a good cause.

I remember painfully the awkward half-hour in my own household when I, at the age of five, was presented by a big business man with a flaxen-haired doll in a cardboard box. I laid the doll carefully aside and started chugging round the room with the box on the end of the string.

That story brings us right around from the art of giving presents to the art of receiving them. From it you will also perceive that I never was much good at it. And some one has just placed a bunchy-looking parcel on my desk, with some difficult-looking knots. When you come down to essentials, the interesting part of any present is the last knot.

The Last Of An Infamous Treaty Germany Has Had A Stirring Year

Berlin, Dec. 20.
Germany in 1936 removed all limitations of her sovereignty imposed upon her by the treaty of Versailles and took the lead in an international drive against Bolshevism.

On March 7, after preparations which had been kept secret, German troops marched into the Rhineland zone—in area having 14,500,000 inhabitants, comprising between Germany's Western frontier and a line drawn 40 kilometers East of the Rhine, wherein Germany under the treaty of Versailles was forbidden to entertain armed forces. In the treaty of Locarno, Germany had voluntarily agreed to respect the demilitarized zone.

While German troops were marching into the Rhineland amid the wild enthusiasm of the population, the practically all-Nazi Reichstag sat in Berlin.

Hitler read a memorandum which was handed on the same day to the governments of the signatory powers of the Locarno treaty, announcing the military occupation of the Rhineland by Germany and giving the legal reasons why Germany considered herself justified in disregarding Locarno.

The memorandum referred to the ratification of the Franco-Soviet treaty and recalled that the German government had long before notified the other signatories of the Locarno pact of its opinion that the Franco-Soviet pact was incompatible with the Locarno treaty.

"France," the memorandum said, "unanswered repeated German assurances of peaceful intentions and offers of friendship by concluding a military alliance with Soviet Russia, exclusively directed against Germany and violating the Locarno pact. The Locarno pact therefore lost its meaning and ceased to exist."

PROPOSED SEVEN POINTS

The memorandum, then, announced that Germany "restored military sovereignty in the Rhineland" and proposed seven points.

In these seven points, the German government declared its willingness 1. to enter negotiations about a demilitarized zone on both sides of Germany's western frontier, 2. to conclude a 25-year non-aggression pact with France and Belgium, 3. to recognize Britain and Italy as guarantors of that pact, 4. to include Holland as a partner, 5. to conclude a Western air pact, 6. to conclude non-aggression pacts with all of Germany's Eastern neighbours, 7. to turn to the League of Nations, expressing the expectation that Germany's wishes regarding colonies and the separation of the League covenant from the treaty of Versailles would be fulfilled.

GREAT EXCITEMENT

The repudiation of the Locarno treaty caused great excitement in the Western countries. The League of Nations council hurriedly met in London. On March 19, a memorandum was handed to the German government in which the signatories of the Locarno treaty proposed that the whole affair be submitted to the Hague court and that an international force should be stationed within the German border pending the settlement of the dispute.

Hitler met this move by a well-calculated popular demonstration. Elections to the Reichstag were held on March 29. Hitler personally led a hectic "electoral campaign" featuring almost exclusively the repudiation of the Rhineland as the issue on which the German citizens were required to vote.

Since under German laws only one list of candidates—the National Socialist one—could be put forward, it was impossible to cast an adverse vote, the only way to express dissent was deliberately to make one's ballot invalid, there being no specification as to what would make a vote invalid. Under these circumstances, the result of the poll was near unanimity. Out of 45,453,091 voters (Jews being for the first time excluded) 45,001,489 cast their ballots, only 540,211 votes being "against the list and therefore invalid" and 44,461,278 99.8 per cent. of all votes cast being valid.

The German government answered the Locarno powers' memorandum on April 1, announcing that "it had just received from the nation a solemn mandate empowering it to represent the Reich and the German people in two respects: Firstly, the German people is determined under all circumstances to defend its freedom, its independence, and its equal rights; secondly, the German people desires to co-operate in the great task of bringing about reconciliation and understanding among all European nations."

PROPOSALS REJECTED

The German memorandum rejected all proposals implying a limitation of German sovereignty, such as sending international troops into the Rhineland. The proposal to submit the affair to the Hague court was tacitly dismissed. On the other hand, the German answer foresaw a four-month period during which to settle the dispute by amiable negotiations; Germany undertook not to increase the strength of her troops in the Rhineland during this period.

The problem of concluding a new Western security pact replacing Locarno remained in the foreground throughout the year. Germany's position was based upon the principle that a new Western pact was possible only if Western powers guaranteed Western frontiers exclusively. Thus, Germany sought to separate the question of Western security from the troubled problems of Eastern

Europe; simultaneously, she challenged the Franco-Soviet treaty. Antagonism toward the Soviets more and more became the keynote of German policy.

RESIST BOLSHIEVISM

During the Nazi party congress of Nuremberg in September, Hitler and all important party leaders bitterly attacked Soviet Russia and stressed Germany's determination "to resist bolshevism wherever it shows itself." The civil war in Spain was especially cited as proof of the destructive tendencies of bolshevism. Germany morally rallied to the Nationalists although officially she adhered to non-intervention.

The German government's move against bolshevism resolved added impetus from the rapprochement between the two leading powers of fascism, Germany and Italy.

During the Ethiopian campaign, Germany refused to take part in sanctions against Italy. Economic co-operation between the two countries was soon followed by closer political contacts.

One of the most important causes of friction between Germany and Italy was removed on July 11, when the German and Austrian governments reached an understanding putting an end to the continual strain between Berlin and Vienna.

GERMAN-ITALIAN UNDERSTANDING

Under the agreement, Germany recognized the full sovereignty of Austria; both governments declared that they would consider the internal regime existing in the two countries as being the exclusive concern of the respective governments; finally, the Austrian government pledged to base its policy upon the principle that "Austria is a German state."

Political co-operation between Germany and Italy was intensified when the Italian foreign minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, visited the Reich and conferred with Foreign Minister Baron Konstantin von Neurath and Chancellor Hitler in Berlin and Berchtesgaden between October 20th and 24th.

A protocol was drafted which, however, was not published. Count Ciano made an announcement outlining the German-Italian understanding. According to this statement, Germany and Italy agreed to the problem of a Western pact, non-intervention in Spain coupled with moral recognition for France, common stand against bolshevism, and Danubian problems. Germany recognized Italy's Ethiopian empire and Italy consented to let Germany turn to the League of Nations, expressing the expectation that Germany's wishes regarding colonies and the separation of the League covenant from the treaty of Versailles would be fulfilled.

SHANGHAI, DEC. 20.

No longer will Chinese bands play "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night," "Dixie" and other merry tunes at funerals, if the New Life Movement has its way.

The practice among wealthy Chinese families of hiring bands which play the few numbers in their repertoire, regardless of their suitability to the occasion, has, in the opinion of the New Life leaders, resulted in grotesque performances and brought ridicule upon China.

Promulgation of new regulations for wedding and funerals by the Nanking municipal authorities has been the first fruit of the drive. A campaign is now under way to restrict the same set of rules to other cities of the country.

According to the new rules, both Chinese and western-style bands may be used either together or separately in wedding and funeral processions, but no more than two bands will be allowed in one procession. Sober, tasteful funerals have boasted as many as twenty bands.

The tunes played, it is emphasized, must suit the occasion. For a funeral procession, only funeral tunes are to be played, and for weddings only wedding music. Popular tunes, hitherto used on all occasions and generally distorted beyond all recognition, are taboo.

Other regulations provide that: marchers in wedding and funeral corteges must wear uniforms made of native materials and must appear clean and orderly; hiring of beggars with smeared faces and bare feet to form part of the cortege is prohibited; no more than sixteen coffin-bearers shall be allowed; "superstitious" or "feudalistic" customs are forbidden, including the carrying of large paper images of gods, giant figures of animals, and idols. The latter prohibitions, however, does not extend to the carrying of ancestral tablets, sedan-chairs, lanterns and banners with appropriate Chinese characters, an integral part of most processions.



An old, grey-haired broom-maker from a little town in the Swiss canton, Valais, on route to the market place. Evidently the descendants of William Tell have plenty of strength.

Japan's Isle of Mystery

PACIFIC ADVENTURE OF LORD MOYNE

A strange account of a visit to the islands of Palau, in the Pacific Ocean, now held by the Japanese under mandate from the League of Nations, is given by Lord Moyne in "Walkabout" published by William Heinemann, 18s.

Lord Moyne, with a party of friends, was on a voyage of exploration to New Guinea, Borneo, and other neighbouring territories early this year. Hoping to visit these mandated islands, Lord Moyne had secured facilities in advance from the Japanese Embassy before leaving London.

Yet when his yacht Rosaura arrived off Palau, he was refused permission to enter the harbour.

"In due course," he writes, "a launch-load of officials arrived: accompanied by an interpreter. They told me very politely that landing was not allowed. They knew nothing of the letter written three months previously, but when I produced a copy in Japanese, they said they would go in and ask for instructions."

Followed a wait of about six hours, and then the party was allowed to go ashore by launch.

"We were clearly not intended to see anything of any more serious harbour works," Lord Moyne continues, "on landing we were taken into the town along a new embankment in motors which were awaiting us."

PHOTOGRAPHS FORBIDDEN

"The town seemed brand new, with well kept gardens round the Government buildings, and along the newly made roads were trim hedges and banks cut into neat grass steps. We were impressed by the size of the Government buildings and also by the well-stocked shops, and the large number of men of the Japanese Navy in the streets."

The party were absolutely forbidden to take photographs and, although treated with great courtesy, they were not encouraged to stay.

"We were puzzled by the attitude of the Japanese authorities," Lord Moyne concludes. "They are too intelligent a people to make mysteries about nothing, and their attitude was well designed to make us wonder just what it is that they wish to hide."

This fascinating volume is the first detailed account of Lord Moyne's successful search for the tribe of light-skinned pygmies inhabiting the Ailome Mountains of New Guinea. In addition, the party collected no fewer than 100 creatures which had never been seen previously at the London Zoo.

The value of the book to all interested in ethnology is greatly enhanced by an introduction to the volume written by Dr. A. C. Haddon, while in an appendix Dr. A. J. E. Cave discusses some of the human skulls which were collected. The book is beautifully illustrated by a series of 108 plates, consisting mainly of photographs taken by Lady Broughton in the course of the journey.

SIR IAN HAMILTON AS KITCHENER'S "GHOST" SPY-HUNTING IN FIRST DAYS OF WAR

General Sir Ian Hamilton has revealed a "carefully guarded" secret—how, at the beginning of the War, he acted as Kitchener's "wraith," taking command of the North of England and of Scotland, "with a special eye for spies," and how a central striking force of three armies of Territorials were distributed around London.

Later, elaborating his speech—which he made at a dinner of the Royal Naval Division—Sir Ian explained that during the early part of the Great War he acted as Lord Kitchener's deputy and undertook the early organisation of home defences in Lord Kitchener's name.

"After the declaration of war," he said, "there was a meeting of the Cabinet and the military people, which Lord Kitchener attended. The meeting was adjourned for further information from the French, and on August 7 I was asked to take on this job."

"KITCHENER'S TRICKS"

"I was Commander-in-Chief of the Home Defence forces, but I went off as a mere individual to take command of the North of England."

"That was one of Lord Kitchener's sort of tricks. I went to Edinburgh and I stayed there five days. Later I went on to Glasgow, and looked into Rosyth. I had instructions about keeping an eye open for spies. That referred to Scotland particularly, because the Fleet was at Rosyth."

"Wherever I went I made myself generally useful in Lord Kitchener's name. I was, so to speak, a sort of shadow of 'K,' not so much after the manner of a shadow, but in command of the forces, but certainly in the first fortnight."

"I was supposed to be 'K,' and 'K' got the credit—or the discredit."

"STEP INTO MY SHOES"

In his speech, Sir Ian told how Kitchener, delegating the duty of "ghosting," said to him:

"I am going to do with you exactly what I did in Pretoria when you first joined me as my chief staff officer. You remember I went away at once on a three weeks' tour of Natal and the Cape Colony whilst you carried on with Major Marter's help in my place, and the less I heard of you the better I was pleased. Now, I want you to step into my shoes again, only the other way about. Leave all your staff here. I'll lend you one clerk from the War Office for cypher work, &c."

"And so it was," said Sir Ian. "Then I came down and began a series of inspections, one of which took me to Beltschanger with Winston Churchill. Winston was, and is, about my best friend, but there were loyalties to 'K' involved, and secrets which put me sometimes into the cart. Luckily, the Beltschanger inspection was not one of them."

The secret had been "so carefully guarded until now that none of the military or naval biographers or autobiographers—not even, I believe, the great historian Archibald MacMurrin—have ever so much as suspected it."

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1.40 p.m. A Concert.

2 p.m. Debroy Somers Band.

2.15 p.m. Close Down.

4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m. European Programme.

7 p.m. A Variety Programme.

Song—Cuckoo in the wood. . . . Friedl Lusser (tenor); Orchestra.

"Follow the Fleet"—Selection. . . . Ant- on and the Paramount Theatre Or- chestra. Song—There's magic in the air. . . . Lilla. . . . Harvey (Soprano); Orchestra—Romance in moonlight. . . . Alfredo Campoli and his Orchestra; Song—Mary Rose. . . . Gracie Fields; Orchestra—Black Eyes. . . . Maurice Igo and his Nomad Orchestra; Piano Solo—Phono Medley. No. 119. . . . Charlie Kunz; Humorous—Tap your toesies. . . . Jack Hulbert; Orchestra—Round a Gipsy Camp Fire. . . . Mantovani and his Tipica Orchestra.

7.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.

La Boheme—Fantasia (Puccini, arr. Tavern); I want your heart (Haydn Wood); Gipsy Moon (Bor- gonoff); Bird songs at eventide (Eric Coates); I bring a love song (Rom- berg); Cuban Serenade (Midgley); Maruschka (de Leur).

8 p.m. Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Richard Crooks (tenor), Stuart Robertson (bass-baritone) and Renee Chemet (Vio- lin).

Tenor Solo—Kathleen Mavourneen (Crawford); Violin Solos—Serenade (Toselli); Serenade (Pierne); Baritone Solo—Bright is the ring of words (Williams); Tenor Solo—Springtime sounds me of you (Ritter and Jar- man); My sunshine is you (Solz); Baritone Solo—In Summerland on Bredon (Peel); Sea Fever (Ireland).

8.30 p.m. London—B. B. C. Dance Orchestra.

9 p.m. London—News and An- nouncements.

9.20 p.m. London—The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the Opening Day's Play, by Alan Kippax. From Sidney (Electrical Recording).

9.35 p.m. A Classical Pro- gramme.

Choral—"Mass in B Minor" (Bach) No. 19, Conductor. . . . Philharmonic Choir.

Trio From "The Musical Offering" (Bach). . . . Italian Trio.

String Orchestra—Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B Flat Major (Bach).

Pianoforte—Sonata in E Flat Major, Op. 31A ("Les Adieux"), (Beetho- ven). . . . Wilhelm Backhaus.

10 p.m. London—Big Ben.

10.30 p.m. Military Band Music. With Anna Souez (Soprano).

Band—"Swan Lake" Ballet (Tchaikovsky); Soprano Solos—Love will find a way (Fraser-Simson); My Hero (Strange and O. Strauss); Band—Air—various tunes, un theme Suisse (Mohr); Band—The Flamboyant Sword Dance—Folk Dance (Sharp); The Kirkby Malzeard Sword Dance—Folk Dance (Sharp); Soprano Solos—Always (Dyrenforth and Smith); Love, I give you my all (Dowden and Bessy); Band—The "Champion" March Medley (arr. S. Ord Hume).

11 p.m. Close Down.

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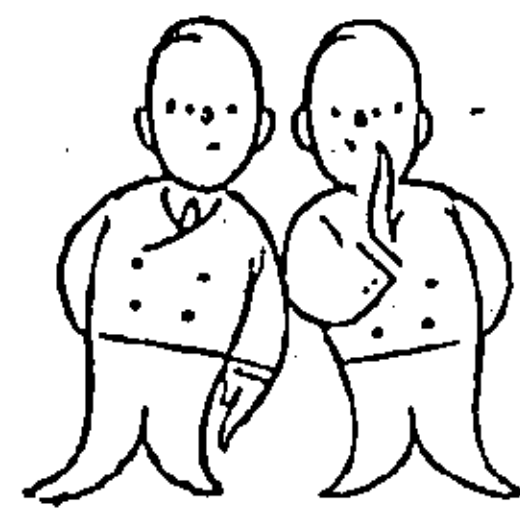
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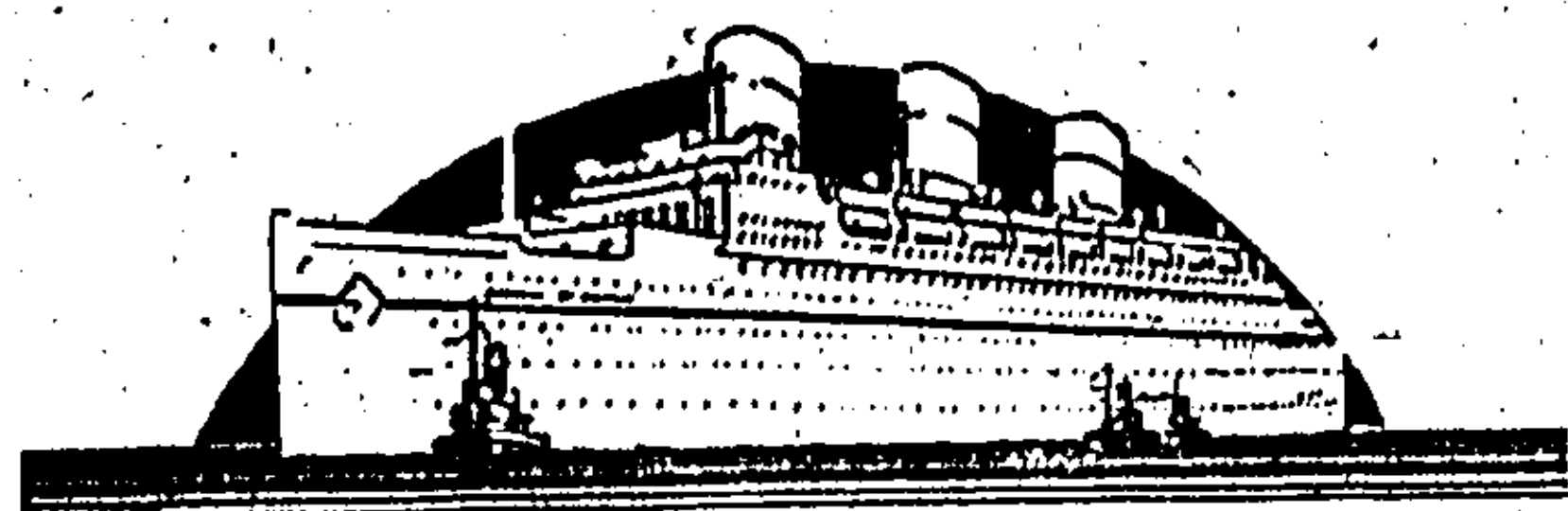
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DEAN into DOG

MY TALKS WITH DEAN SPANLEY
By Lord Dunsany
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The right amount of the right wine

and the Dean, who had been a dog in a previous life, would begin to give this sort of advice: "Always go out of a room first; get to the door the moment it's opened. You may not get another chance for a long time."

A little more and he travelled farther along the road of his memories and gave thrilling accounts of hunting rabbits, the advisability of burying bones, the different methods of chasing traction engines, horses and cows, the habit cats have of climbing trees, the need for letting the moon know it is being kept an eye on, the correct thing to say when you come home very late after having been out all day long and many other matters of interest to dogs and dog lovers.

Lord Dunsany threatens that if any doubt is cast on the truth of these talks with Dean Spanley he will not publish his investigations into the Origins of the Mentality of Certain Serious Persons. So beware, you solemn scoffers. When he speaks, let no dog bark.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Gerald Hollingsworth Bond, architect, residing at Dina House, and Miss Bridget Marion Lockhart-Smith, nursing sister, of Kowloon Hospital; Mr. Paul Dring, motor sales manager, residing at 11 Kruttsford Terrace, and Miss Audrey Winsel, secretary, of 23a, Cameron Road.

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ENGLAND'S GREAT 1911-12 TEST TRIUMPH IN AUSTRALIA

FOUR MATCHES WON AFTER LOSING THE FIRST

J.W.H.T. DOUGLAS AS CAPTAIN

(By R. Abbit)

Since the publication of my last article a friend of mine, who has a very fine cricket library which makes me break the Tenth Commandment every time I think of it, has kindly lent me a copy of the 1913 Wisden. It seems that the volume was that of Wisden's Jubilee as the almanac was first published in 1874. I might state for the benefit of those humorously minded that I unfortunately omitted to buy a copy of the first number.

On paper the Australians seemed to have a tremendously strong side as the new-comers very great things were expected of Dr. H. V. Hornum, W. J. Whitty, R. B. Minnett and C. Kelleway. Of these Hornum and Minnett played in all five Test matches. The former did excellently, while the latter was useful with the bat. Kelleway was an opening batsman in the first two Test matches in which he played alone and with an average of 22.12 did not do so badly, but Whitty, who had been expected to do great things with his inswingers, proved very innocuous against England and his three wickets in the first two Test matches cost 61.60 apiece. The remaining seven players were all old hands, perhaps in one or two cases a little too old. Cotter had lost the extra bit of pace that had made him so dangerous.

As a matter of fact the real weakness of the Australians will be seen from a glance at the Australian bowling averages. Of the 74 wickets which fell, Hornum took 32 for 24.27 apiece while Cotter's 12 cost him 45.60. The balance of the wickets were divided between the other eight bowlers, and Armstrong who was bowled so well in England, only got nine for 37.11.

If you turn to the English bowling seven bowlers only were tried, and practically all the wickets fell to F. R. Foster (32 for 21.62), S. F. Barnes (34 for 22.88) and J. W. Hearne (16 for 23.60). Those three bowlers really carried England through to victory. On more than one occasion they performed the remarkable feat of getting rid of the extremely strong Australian side on a perfect wicket for a very small score.

Again the games started in a manner which in no way suggested what was to come in the future. Douglas was in charge owing to Warner's illness and neither he nor the side had shaken down. The victory in the first Test was won partly by good batting but partly by the excellent bowling of Hornum. The Englishmen had not met his googlies before and he had the better of them this time, though he never again was able to establish an ascendancy.

THE SECOND TEST

It was not surprising to find that Australia played the same team in the Second Test at Melbourne. The first had been played at Sydney, by the way. Australia won the toss and went in and Barnes proceeded to bowl on a good wicket five overs of which four were maidens, one run being scored off the other. During these overs Bardsley played on, Hill was clean bowled, Kelleway, L.W. and Armstrong caught at the wicket. Four of the best bats gone for eleven runs on a plumb pitch! It says much for the courage of Australian batsmen that the innings totalled 184. Hornum, yet another great all-rounder, made an excellent 49 not out and Barnes got 43 before he was caught at the wicket off Hill.

Hobbs failed in the first innings and but for a stubborn 114 by J. W. Hearne (the baby of the side) England would not have enjoyed the lead of 81 they had. In the second knock Armstrong got 80 and numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 all scored well and they set England 210 to win. Hobbs took 123 not out and the runs were knocked off for two wickets.

It shows the pleasant terms the countries were on when we read that Warner who was well enough to watch the game from a long chair in the pavilion managed to get out on Monday to have a look at the wicket and, on being recognised, was frantically cheered by the crowd.

ANOTHER SHOCK

England's easy win at Melbourne must have shaken the Australians who had not thought the visitors so good. For the next match at Adelaide they dropped Whitty for Matthews, a bowler much thought of in Australia who never came off against the English though in 1912 he was to do a double hat-trick against the South Africans.

Australia again battled on a plumb pitch and the disaster was worse than before. This time F. R. Foster, got going and took 5 for 36, and the innings totalled 133.

England made 501—Hobbs 187. Again a situation to call for all the Australians' pluck and again they rose to it. They totalled 476 without a single century! Carter showed some of his old form and made 72. England however won easily by seven wickets.

It is but fair to mention however that in the first knock Ransford (No. 4) damaged his thumb and could only bat again at the end, while in the second Trumper had a crooked knee and went in last.

THE RUBBER GAME

Australia could not afford to lose the fourth Test, but they stuck to the same side, but Douglas won the toss and put Australia in on a bad wicket. It paid, as they were all out for 101, Barnes and Foster taking 5 for 74 and 4 for 77 respectively.

But the wicket improved and Hobbs and Rhodes put up our first wicket record of 323 for the first wicket. I believe it to be still a record, Australia's best being 180 at the Oval in 1909. England made 589—then a record, but beaten by them at Sydney in 1928/9—536 and at Manchester 1934—627 for nine wickets. Australia however have three better aggregates 729 for 6 at Lords in 1930, 701—Oval 1934 and 695—Oval in 1930.

But to revert to the Melbourne game. Australia this time failed to come back—Douglas taking 5 for 46—and England won by an innings and 225 runs.

The final victory. The fifth match was played at Sydney. Bardsley had not found his form and was dropped and Macartney came in. His previous omission was probably the great error made by the selectors. It was a close game. After two blank days owing to rain, England batted and made 324. Woolley 133 not out and Australia only 176.

England replied with 214 and Australia had to get 363 and as at the close of Wednesday they had 193 for three it looked as if they would do it, but on Thursday down came the rain and spoiled the wicket. As it was they got 292 and only lost by 70 runs. It was bad luck. But their crushing victory once more put English cricket on terms with itself.

(To be continued.)

CLUBHOUSE CHATTER BY "VERITAS"

(Continued from Page 12.)

Is still in play, though it might otherwise have gone into touch or over the goal-line. In other words the referee and linesmen, if in the field of play, are players, or rather are treated as players by the laws of the game.

Delightful Conundrum

In the face of this it would seem fairly logical to argue that if a player kicked the ball against a referee or linesman while they are in the field of play, the ball goes across his goal line, and a corner is the right decision, then by the same token if the ball passes into the net, a goal must be given. Perhaps I misunderstood the gentleman who gave me the original problem, and thought he said "goalkick" when actually he said "goal". But it is indeed a delightful little conundrum upon which I should like to hear some authoritative statement. I have found nothing in black and white to substantiate either the argument that a goalkick or a goal should be awarded, and if the Hong-kong Referees' Association haven't already debated this particular problem, they may find it of interest.

New Footballer For

The Police

LETTER from the old hometown this week to say that Hongkong Police are to receive a new footballer next week. He is C. L. Smith of Tunbridge Wells, who arrives in the Colony by the Ranzura to join the Police Force. Had long association with soccer back in the Kentish town of Chalybeate Springs, playing senior division stuff in the local league for the Conservative F. C. Maybe he's just the fella Police are looking for to score those goals which have persistently eluded them this season.



Gracie Fields, the popular English variety actress, adopted a new role recently when she donned shirt, shorts and boots to kick off in a rugby match at her birthplace, Rochdale. Here she is seen making a fine kick to start the game.

Our Daily Golf Hint

Of one thing I am quite positive—a small amount of practice is preferable to over doing things at one particular moment.

—T. P. Perkins.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB TO MEET NAVY

GOOD GAME PROMISED

To-morrow the Club will meet the Royal Navy in the second round of the Triangular Rugby Tournament. H. E. the Governor has signified his intention of watching this game, which will commence at 4 p.m. on the Club ground at Happy Valley.

Two games of this year's series have so far been played. On December 5, the Club defeated the Royal Navy by nine points to six and on December 12, the Royal Navy defeated the Army by eleven points to nil. If they are to finish at the head of the table, the Navy will have to win to-morrow's game and it is understood that they are going all out to do so. Those interested in Rugby Football will be sure to see a keen and hard fought game if they are present at the Valley.

The Triangular Tournament game will be preceded by a match between the Club "A" XV and an Army side, which will commence at 2.45 p.m. Mr. D. W. MacEwen has kindly consented to referee the Triangular Tournament game, whilst Dr. J. A. R. Selby will officiate in the junior game.

The teams selected are as follows: Royal Navy.—E. R. A. Evans (Hermes), F. O. Weir (Hermes), Lt. Partridge R. M. (Hermes), Lt. Harvey (Odin), Lt. Small (Hermes), Lt. Euman (Perseus), Lt. Davies (Perseus), Surg. Lt. Miles (Hermes), Mne. Davison (Hermes), Mne. Light (Dorsetshire), Lt. Coltart (Proteus), Lt. Hallifax (Dorset), Lt. Hawkins (Oswald) (Capt.) E. A. Holland (Berwick), Lt. Baker (Dorsetshire), Club 1st XV.—J. P. Whitman, K. A. Munro, H. D. Bidwell, W. E. Grieve, H. van Leeuwen, A. H. R. Butcher, J. L. Bonnar, K. A. Watson, W. E. Peers, E. P. Humphreys, W. H. Currie, I. H. Bradford, B. O'M. Deane, A. F. Walkden (Capt.) and N. E. Clark.

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HOME FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 17. In the F. A. Cup postponed matches, Walthamstow lost to Exeter, by two goals to three.

In the second round replays Yeovil lost to Walsall, 0-1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Dublin Wanderers lost to Oxford University by 6 points to 16.—Reuter.

NEW LAWN TENNIS REGULATION

"Stray Ball" on Court Not a Problem

London, Nov. 24. A problem has been lately submitted to the Council of the L.T.A. dealing with the "stray ball." It was solved as follows.

"Any stationary object lying on the surface of the court shall be deemed to be part of such surface; but if the ball in play strikes an object moving along or above the surface of the court, a let must be allowed."

The "stationary object" to which the first part of this ruling refers is nearly always a ball. If a player is sufficiently careless and regardless of his own interests, or lazy enough to leave a ball lying about in his court, he must take the consequences of the ball in play hitting it.

If a return of his opponent's does hit it, he is allowed by Rule 20 to return the ball in play, if he can succeed in so doing. Needless to say it is infrequent indeed that success attends his effort to do so, for a ball hitting another ball on the ground is apt to behave in an unaccountable manner.

There might, of course, be other objects lying about on the surface of the court, such as an empty ball box fallen from the umpire's chair. Under the ruling given, the player would presumably have to play his shot out of the ball box, unless he elected to claim that he was hindered in making his stroke by something not within his control, for an empty box can hardly be considered as a permanent fixture of the court, when it is detached from its perch on the umpire's chair.

Holed In One Two Days Running

Birmingham, Nov. 26.

A golfer's dream has been realised by Mr. L. Parlow, vice-captain of the Cocks-moor Golf Club, Birmingham.

It was revealed to-day that he twice holed out in one during the week-end—using the same ball each time—and both holes are exactly the same length (161 yards). On Saturday he achieved his feat at the fourth, and on Sunday at the tenth.

D. B. S. CRICKET

School Lose To Old Boys XI

In a cricket match played on Wednesday, the Diocesan Boys' School lost by seven wickets to an eleven led by the Headmaster, consisting mainly of Old Boys.

The school totalled 82 runs, of which W. Lau made 35, A. Macaulay 28 and G. White 19. House captured two wickets for 28. The Headmaster's XI hit up the runs needed in a little over half an hour, and eventually scored 123 for five after batting for 50 minutes altogether. A. Zimmern contributed 48 and J. Fong 25, while D. Cray took three wickets for 56.

Running between wickets was bad on one side, and the school being run out, and two of the other side.

ARMY TEAM

The following will represent the Army in a friendly match against the Kowloon C.C. 1st XI to-morrow afternoon on the C.C. ground: Capt. Welch, Capt. Ryland, Lieut. Clegg-Hill, Lieut. Garthwaite, Lieut. Pritchard, Lieut. Barron, Lieut. Murphy, Q. M. S. Warr, Cpl. Jackson, Sgt. Daniels and Q. M. S. Moreton. Umpire—Pte. Bevan. Scorer—Cpl. Gregson.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Spoon And Practice Shoot On Saturday Afternoon

There will be a spoon and practice shoot, at Stonecutters, by courtesy of the Naval Authorities on Saturday afternoon next commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

A private launch will leave Queen's Pier at 1.15 p.m., calling at the Kowloon Public Pier at 1.25 p.m., Shamshuipo at 1.40 p.m., arriving at Stonecutters at 1.50 p.m. The launch will be available for the return journey on the completion of shooting.

It is requested that, through the Council representatives, the Honorary Secretary of the Association may be informed not later than 2.30 p.m. to-day (Friday) how many members from each unit or club will be attending.

BADMINTON THIS EVENING

One League Match Being Played

Only one match is being played to-night in the mixed doubles and Milton League Five. Ladies having asked for a postponement of their game with Recreo "B".

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This announcement was made by Mr. W. S. Dailley, the Surrey honorary secretary, at the annual meeting of the Surrey L.T.A.

Mr. Dailley, in his report, mentioned that in the Surrey Junior Championships he discovered one young player using a racket made in 1914. Between his matches this lad was seen tying up his racket with pieces of string.

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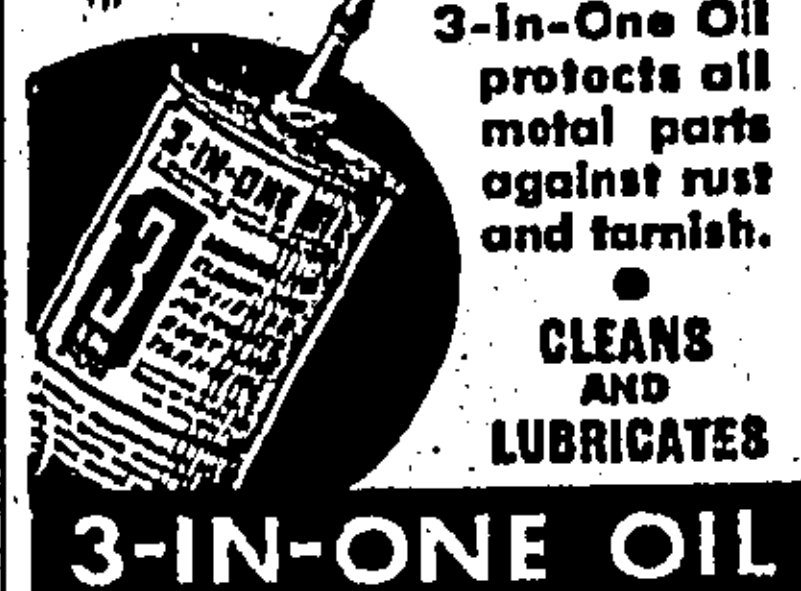
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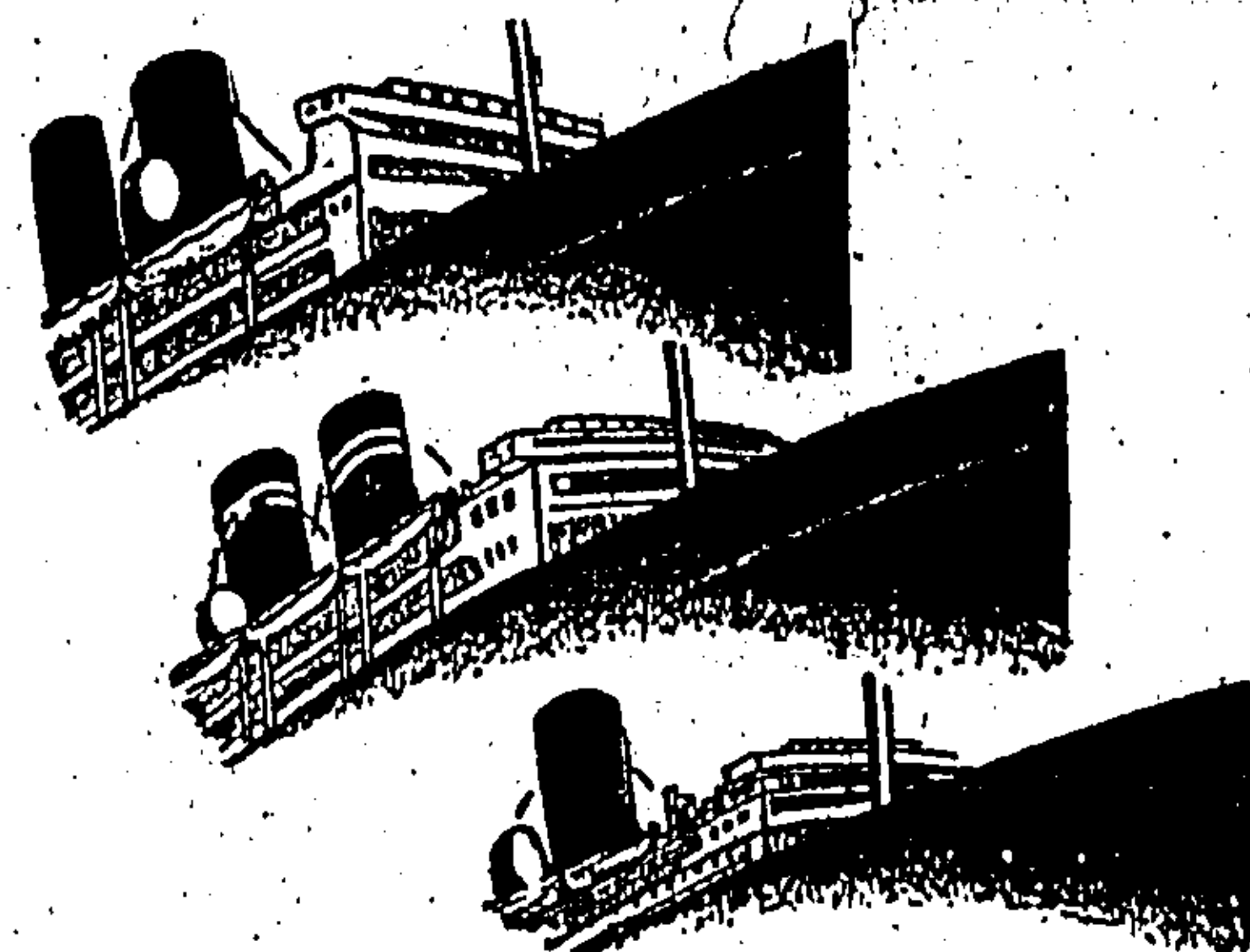
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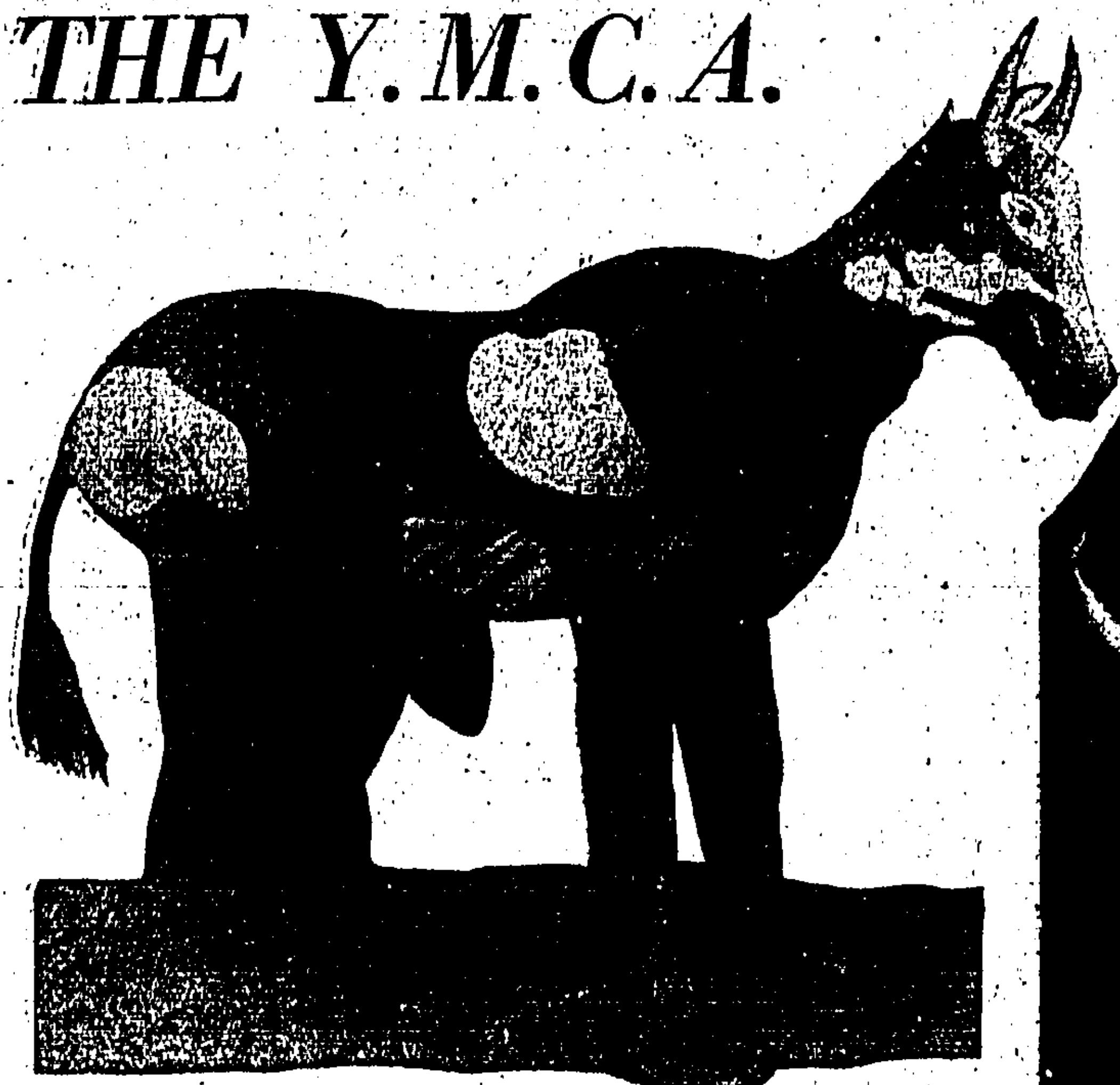
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EMPIRE TRADE TALKS

NO DETAILS AT PRESENT

London, Dec. 17. The Dominions Secretary stated in the House of Commons that the discussions on trade between the United Kingdom and the New Zealand Minister of Finance had so far been of a preliminary nature, and it would be premature to make a statement.

Another Board of Trade reply on trade negotiations mentioned Canada and India as the only two countries with which commercial negotiations were in progress.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN WILL NOT SCRAP OLD CRUISERS

(Continued from Page 1.)

of weight saved per ship in stronger armoring.

Further details of the gun are most secret.

It is understood that the two new battleships will further the Admiralty's desire for a Navy equal in any contingency likely to arise in Europe, which is filled with talk of war.

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It is understood that these mighty new ships will be five knots faster than any battleship afloat, and probably faster even than the powerful battle-cruiser H.M.S. Hood, which has a maximum speed of 32 knots.

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The vessels will also carry more aircraft than any existing battleship. It is noteworthy that the Anglo-American agreement of 1936 set the maximum gun calibre for ships 14 inches.—United Press.

NEW USE FOR "DISCOVERY"

HEADQUARTERS OF SEA SCOUTS

London, Dec. 17. The Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands is to be invited to assent to a proposal that the royal research ship, Discovery, at present laid up in East India Dock, be handed over to the Boy Scouts Association.

Among other purposes, the ship would be used as headquarters for the Sea Scout branch of the Boy Scouts Association and as a hostel for overseas Scouts who may from time to time be passing through London.—British Wireless.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From The "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 24, 1915.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10.7/8d.

The death occurred in London of Sir Thomas Jackson, for many years Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Lord Lansdowne sent a message of thanks to Hongkong, on behalf of the British Red Cross Society, acknowledging the sum of £1,200 sent in answer to an appeal for war funds.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 16.	Dec. 17.
Paris	105.9/64	105.9/64
Geneva	21.30 1/2	21.30 1/2
Berlin	12.21	12.21 1/2
Athens	147 1/2	147 1/2
Milan	33 1/2	33 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Shanghai	1/2.13/32	1/2.13/32
New York	4.01 1/2	4.01 1/2
Amsterdam	9.01 1/2	9.01 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Prague	139 3/4	139 3/4
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/2.20/32	1/2.21
Bombay	1/6.5/32	1/6.5/32
Montreal	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Brussels	20.04 1/2	20.04 1/2
Yokohama	1/1.31/32	1/1.31/32
Beigra	21 1/2	21 1/2
Monte Video	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio	4 1/4	4 1/4
Bucharest	670	670
Silver (forward)	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (spot)	21 1/2	21 1/2
War Loan	105 1/2	105 1/2

—British Wireless.

COMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Hugo Marcus dos Remedios, assistant, Messrs. James H. Backhouse, Ltd., and Miss Alda Maria de Loureiro Britto, stenographer, Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.; Mr. George Chang, student, St. John's Hall, Hongkong University, and Miss Josephine Wu, student, residing at 5 Leong Foe Terrace, second floor; Mr. Mariano Maria da Silva, clerk, residing at 8 Granville Road, top floor, and Miss Celeste Aurelia Osmund, of 28 Jordan Road, top floor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Street Football

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Undoubtedly the Traffic Police should have received frequent complaints about schoolboys utilising Glencely as their football grounds, much to the detriment of pedestrians who often get hit by the ball and have to return home for a change of clothes. When complaints are made to the police, they generally receive attention, but the moment that vigilance is relaxed for the sake of more important duties, the boys start the nuisance once again.

Conditions are such these days that it appears that one seems to encourage others not to be afraid of the pedestrians and in fact they seem to enjoy the embarrassment of pedestrians endeavouring the escape being hit. They furthermore seem to adopt that attitude through force of numbers in that should a pedestrian get him and try to obtain satisfaction their numbers would be able to add insult to injury.

It is, of course, hard to have to ask that they be stopped the use of a

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

There will be many topical illustrations in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement, including several pictures of the Royal Welch Fusiliers gymkhana at Kwant.

The presentation of "The Boat-Girl Bride" by students of Bellios Public School will figure amongst the illustrations, and there will also be pictures of the children's sports at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Groups will include the officers of the 2nd. Battalion East Lancashire, and the Prefects of King's College. There will also be several wedding groups, as well as a photograph taken at Sir Robert Ho Tung's party to President Manuel Quezon.

The results of last week's Children's Competition will be given, as well as details of a new contest for the kiddies.

temporary playground but with all the playgrounds available in Hongkong, it is a shame to allow pedestrians to be molested by being hit by footballs. Should they even have the courtesy of stopping awhile when pedestrians pass by, then it would be another case altogether, but they believe in being in large groups and are ready to show combined antagonism to the moment that a pedestrian should protest. If the police cannot have control over them unless the police have a fixed and continuous watch there, then it would become the magistrates to make one or two exemplary nominal fines, which should have a very sound effect. One never knows when a pedestrian might be in a bad mood and after continuous provocation take the law upon himself and then of course he would have to pay recompense.

Discussed.

BISHOP OF HONGKONG

The Bishop of Hongkong is expected to arrive on Saturday, the 19th. He is travelling on the S.S. Peiping (Swedish East Asiatic Co.) with Mrs. Hall and their children.

The Missions to Seamen's launch Dayspring will leave Blake Pier at quarter of an hour before the advertised time of the Peiping's arrival, to meet the boat, and will return with the Bishop and his party to Blake Pier.

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Many hundreds of Hongkong school children thoroughly enjoyed a grand Christmas party given for them by the Peninsula Hotel, yesterday afternoon.

The children all appeared in the most varied and beautiful fancy dress costumes and, at 5 p.m., there was a Grand Parade to choose the winning costumes.

The judges were Mrs. Wallington, the Rev. C. E. S. Updell, Headmaster of the Central British School, and Mr. A. K. Dimond, manager of the Peninsula Hotel.

Prize Winners

The prize-winners were:—Handsome Girl—Audrey Nash (Mary Queen of Scots); Funniest Girl—Mary Anderson (Hula-hula); Most Original Girl—Marion Howard (MacLean's Tooth Paste).

Best Dressed Boy—Desmond Mansell (Musketeer); Most Original Boy—Kenneth Moffan (Scarecrow); Funniest Boy—Reginald Martin (Teacher's Whisky).

Following a Paul Jones and Musical Chairs, Mrs. B. Wylie presented the prizes to the lucky winners. At the conclusion, she was given a bouquet of red and pink shaded sweet peas.

At 6 p.m., a play, "Make Believe", produced by Mrs. Raymond Smith, was given as entertainment for the children. The actors and actresses included some of the pupils of the Central British School and former pupils of the same school.

The story of the play centred round a young girl Rosemary (Phyllis Kirby) who, instead of writing a Christmas play, "make-believe" the adventures of two children, Jill and Oliver.

Owing to the absence of Topsy Whentley, who had the part of Jill, her lines were rendered by her sister, R. G. Labrum undertook the role of Oliver.

Others in the play included Miss Joy Booker (Princess), Mr. Desmond Hynes (Woodcutter), Mr. A. Dalziel (King), Miss Iris Woolley (Queen), Mr. F. Anslow (Red Prince), Mr. P. Wilson (Blue Prince), Mr. B. Hynes (Yellow Prince), Miss Hirst (Governess), Mr. E. Moses (Pirate Chief), Mr. B. Hynes (Curate), Miss B. Budden (Aunt Jane) and Mr. Hopkins (Doctor).

WEEK'S TRAFFIC TOLL

FORTY-NINE ACCIDENTS IN THE COLONY

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, there were altogether 49 traffic accidents, as the result of which one person was killed and 19 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese male, died as the result of injuries received when he was knocked down by a public motor car whilst running across the road. Of the persons injured, 11 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles. One bus passenger and three tramcar passengers were injured whilst alighting from moving vehicles.

One bicyclist was injured through falling from his machine whilst in motion.

Of the 49 accidents, 20 were collisions between vehicles; 19 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 10 accidents were due to other causes.

Vehicles involved in the 49 accidents were as follows:

Type of Vehicles	Nos. of Accidents
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Private Motor Car	21
Motor Lorry	12
Public Motor Car	4
Motor Bus	2
Motor Cycle	3
Tramcar	0
Bicycle	1
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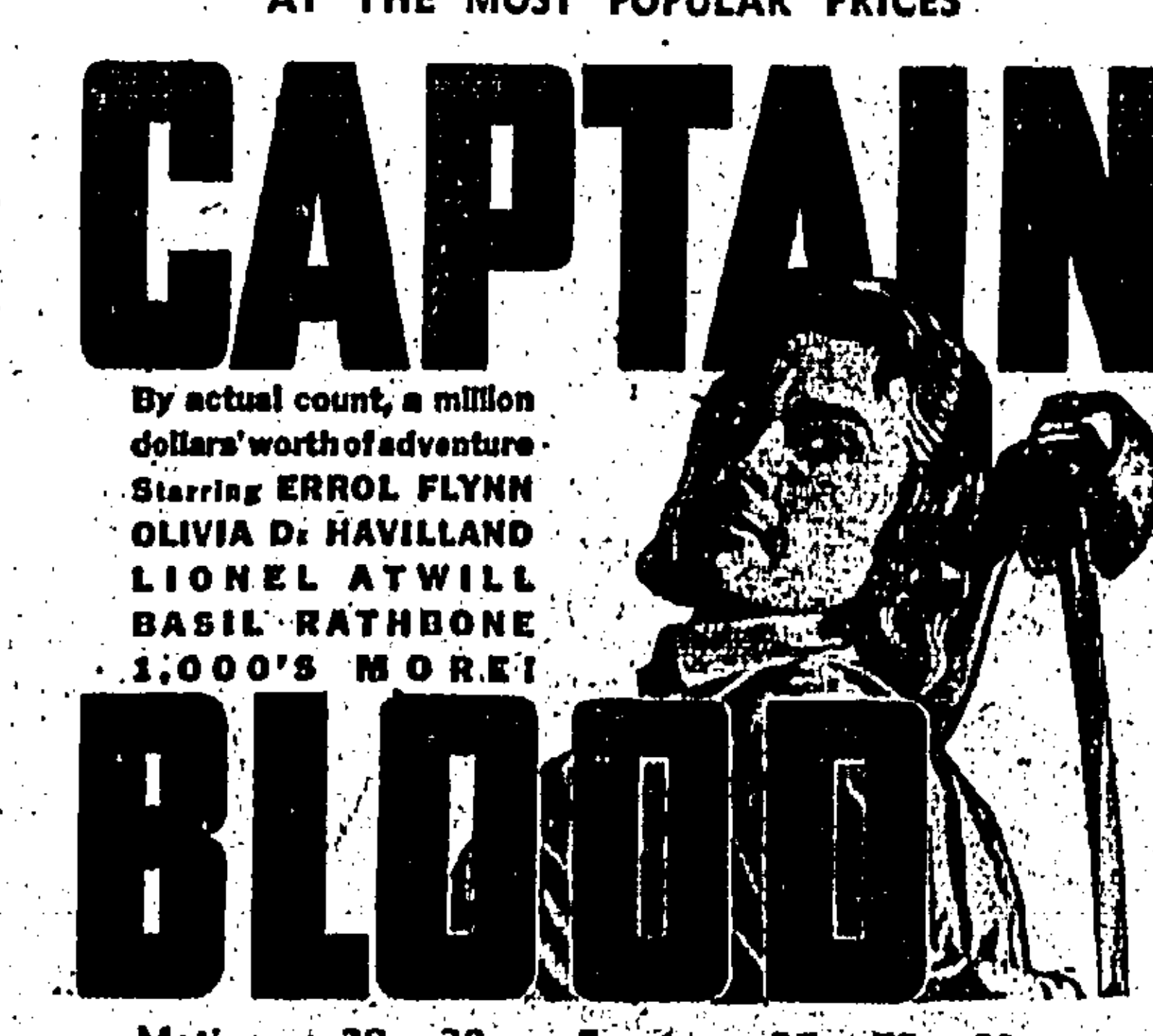
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CHANG PROCLAIMED MILITARY CHIEF IN CONTESTED REGION

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SHANGHAI, DEC. 18.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG, ONE-TIME WARLORD OF MANCHURIA, HAS PROCLAIMED HIMSELF CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR THE NORTH-WEST OF CHINA, AN AREA IN WHICH OTHERS BESIDES HIMSELF ARE STRIVING FOR CONTROL.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, GENERAL YANG HU-CHANG IS DECLARED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

This is the latest development on the North China revolt, according to Chinese press reports, and the proclaimed appointments mean that until the rebellion is crushed there will be a separate military Government in Shensi, and perhaps Kansu, under the Young Marshal who holds Chiang Kai-shek a prisoner at Sianfu.

Meanwhile, General Ho Ying-ching, War Minister, in supreme command of the Central Government's armies since Marshal Chiang fell into the hands of the rebels, is circulating the country announcing his assumption of the post of commander-in-chief of a punitive expedition against the insurgents.

He will be assisted by General Liu Chih, Pacification Commissioner for Honan and Anhwei, and General Ku Tzu-tung, Pacification Commissioner for Kweichow and Yunnan, as his field commanders of the Eastern and Western Route armies respectively.—Reuter.

AIRPORT SEIZED

Hankow, Dec. 18. Chang Hsueh-liang's airport at Wuchang, where many student pilots are undergoing training, has been taken over by Government authorities. The foreign staff, including the pilot, Julius Burr, has been allowed to leave. But the Chinese ground staff and all the students have been arrested for precautionary reasons. These students, however, are strongly in favour of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Barr has telegraphed Madame Chiang Kai-shek urging that steps be taken to effect their release.—Reuter.

FREED BY REBELS

Nanking, Dec. 18. General Chiang Ting-wen, Pacification Commissioner for Fukien, who was released from Sianfu yesterday, has arrived at Nanking from Loyang. He is expected to disclose further terms from Chang Hsueh-liang.—United Press.

ARITA IS PLEASED

Tokyo, Dec. 18. It is understood that Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Foreign Minister, has expressed happiness at the reports that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is safe. He has told the Chinese Ambassador to Japan that the Government is watching events with concern. The Nichi Nichi says, quoting Mr. Arita: "In the event that press reports are true, Japan expects China to take strict and effective measures against the acceptance of Bolshevism. Japan holds that the bolshevization of a neighbouring state would menace considerably the safety of Japan and the peace of East Asia." He repeated that Japan's policy was one of watchful waiting until reports are clarified.—United Press.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Nanking, Dec. 18. Scouting planes report large movements of Chang Hsueh-liang's troops in Lochnan, Sunyuan and Kuyuan areas. Despite the hope that mediation may be successful, the Government is speeding its plans for an offensive, following General Ho Ying-ching's assumption of the supreme command of the army last night.—United Press.

RUMOURS ABROAD

Rumours abroad yesterday that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been executed by his captors in Sianfu were definitely exploded last night and this morning when private, but entirely reliable sources, revealed the fact that Nanking had conclusive proof that the Generalissimo, still lived, and in fact was in splendid health.

Another well-informed quarter here has been informed that Mr. T. V. Soong, former Finance Minister, President of the Bank of China and brother-in-law of Marshal Chiang, has already flown to Sianfu.

for conferences with Chang Hsueh-liang, chief of the northern rebels. It was stated yesterday, by Reuter, that Mr. Soong expected to fly to Loyang at once, to interview Mr. W. H. Donald, Marshal Chiang's advisor, and possibly proceed to Sianfu. He has apparently confirmed to this schedule, and has even accelerated it.

Meanwhile, from Nanking, comes the report that General Chiang Ting-wen, Pacification Commissioner of Fukien, who was a captive with Marshal Chiang but has now been released, has telephoned to assure the Central Government of the Marshal's safety. He called from Loyang, where he has been delayed by bad weather. He hopes to reach Nanking to-day and make a full report.

Mr. Donald, who has been acting as mediator between the Young Marshal, Chang, and the Nanking Government, is remaining in Sianfu, says a Reuter message from Nanking, "to keep Marshal Chiang company."

But Reuter messages from North China this morning were held up by censors, and all news out of the trouble area is being delayed. Although it was thought that by to-day the Central Government's army might have struck a decisive blow against the rebels, there is no word of any such development. Private sources, however, well-informed, are without information of any sort. They complain of the strict censorship.

Pickets Beat Workers

BLUM STILL FACES STRIKE PROBLEM

Paris, Dec. 18. The Executive Committee of the Radical Socialist Party passed a resolution of approval of the Prime Minister's foreign and home policies, at a meeting last night.

But Premier Leon Blum's troubles are still with him at home. The strike situation is still menacing. Three employees of a metal works, who attempted to go back to their jobs, were badly beaten by 300 strikers, who picketed the factory. All metal works in Paris are guarded by these pickets.

Strikers, however, have agreed to evacuate the buildings themselves pending a settlement of their dispute with employers.—Reuter. Bulletin Service.

FACTORIES BILL

London, Dec. 17. The Home Secretary informed the House of Commons that he hoped to introduce the Factories Bill shortly after Christmas.—British Wireless.

CORONATION DATE FIXED; UNCHANGED

PROCLAMATION TO BE MADE SATURDAY EDEN VISITS MONARCH

London, Dec. 17. The date of the Coronation of King George VI—May 12 next year—will be proclaimed on Saturday afternoon with heraldic pageantry at St. James Palace, Charing Cross, Temple Bar and the Royal Exchange.

To-day, His Majesty gave an audience to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Anthony Eden, who was received for the first time since the King's Accession and remained at the Palace for about half-an-hour. The Proclamation of King George's Coronation at St. James Palace will be broadcast to the Empire by Daventry.

The broadcast, which will be relayed by ZBW, will be heard in Hongkong at 10.25 p.m. Hongkong Time on Saturday, and will be carried out in Transmission III.

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HAVANA POLITICAL CRISIS

ARMY LEADER MAY BE DICTATOR

Havana, Dec. 17. It is rumoured that President Gomez of Cuba may resign. And he may be ousted.

This is the crisis facing him as a result of his opposition to a nine cent sugar tax bill.

Colonel Fulgencio Batista, one-time sergeant and revolutionary leader, now commander-in-chief of the army, argues that the proceeds of such a tax should be used for the army's rural school programme, but Senator Gomez opposes this scheme, saying it will tend to create "a militarized childhood."

Colonel Batista recently told the Press that he was willing to assume the dictatorship if the country needed him. Senator Gomez, on the other hand, dislikes the army's "invasion of civil powers."—United Press.

NEUTRALITY PRECAUTION

FRANCE TO PREVENT MARCH TO SPAIN

Paris, Dec. 17. The French Government has taken measures to check the enrolment of miners as volunteers in the Spanish Government army and also to prevent the mass organisation of departures of volunteers. It is announced.—Reuter.

REBELS SHARE RATIONS WITH MADRID CHILDREN



Their homes destroyed, their parents often separated from them, these pathetic little people of Madrid come to the rebel invaders for food and friendliness. Here, infants of General Franco's army are sharing their rations with the children. To-morrow they may be trading shots or bayonet thrusts with the fathers of these four.

BRITAIN WILL NOT SCRAP OLD CRUISERS

United States and Japan Officially Informed INTERNATIONAL SITUATION REASON FOR DECISION

London, Dec. 17. Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons to-night that Great Britain would officially intimate to the United States and Japan her intention of retaining five over-age cruisers, under Article 21 of the London Naval Treaty.

In view of the deterioration of the general international situation, said Sir Samuel, this was obviously not the moment at which any power could wish to scrap serviceable vessels and His Majesty's Government, therefore, was exchanging views in this matter with the United States and Japan.

The United States had intimated that if Great Britain decided to retain these vessels on the grounds that the nation's security necessitated such action, no objection would be raised by Washington.

There was reason to believe, Sir Samuel added, that Japan's reply would also be favourable. The First Lord expressed appreciation of the sympathetic and helpful attitude adopted by the United States and Japan.

Reuter learns that the over-age cruisers to be retained are the Cardiff and Ceres, completed in 1917, the Caldon, Caluso and Cardoc.—Reuter.

Morale Unshaken

Madrid, Dec. 17. The morale of the citizens of Madrid remains unshaken and they are preparing to bury an estimated total of 50 dead and treat 300 injured, victims of yesterday's air raids. A dense fog is hampering efforts of searchers in the wreckage of two apartment houses where 50 persons were trapped and are believed to be dead. The Defence Committee has ordered searchlights manned at every post and sentries are doubled against a surprise rebel attack. (Continued on Page 5.)

Mrs. Simpson Not Wanted In Cannes

Cannes, Dec. 18. Mayor Pierre Nouveau declared to-day that he was being deluged with letters protesting against Mrs. Ernest Simpson's presence in the town. Tax-payers and English women residents are protesting over the fact that the Mayor sent Mrs. Simpson two baskets of roses. "I cannot take sides. Nevertheless, I cannot ignore the protests," said the Mayor. "There are so many English residents."

M.C.C. BATS STRONGLY IN SECOND TEST

Barnett and Hammond In Profitable Stand ENGLAND SCORES 209 FOR 2; HAMMOND'S CENTURY

Sydney, Dec. 18.

Following the sensational win in the first Test match at (Brisbane, England made an excellent start in the second, which opened here this morning. At the lunch interval, the English score was a round hundred for the loss of only one wicket.

Fagg was disposed of for 11, and at this stage the score was 27. By lunch-time, a further 73 runs had been added without further loss.

Shortly after lunch, England lost another wicket, Barnett, who had batted brightly for 57, the score then being 118 for two.

In summery weather, and with a crowd of 30,000 present, Allen again beat Bradman in the toss of the coin and naturally chose to bat on a fast wicket.

His success with the toss is likely to prove invaluable as the wicket is expected to crumble after a few days.

CANADIANS WANT EDWARD AS KING

VANCOUVER ISLAND SECESSION MOVE OLD QUARREL OF ISLANDERS

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 17. Residents of Victoria, capital of British Columbia, and famed as the "most English city outside England," have formed the Vancouver Island Provincial Association, with the avowed object of seceding from the Dominion of Canada.

The sponsors of this scheme admit they are considering establishing a monarchy, to be ruled by the Duke of Windsor, with Mrs. Ernest Simpson as his Queen.

POPULAR PRINCE

The Duke, as Prince of Wales, visited Vancouver Island three times and on each occasion spent more time in Victoria than in any other City of Canada. He was very popular and was always accorded enthusiastic receptions both on the part of the ordinary, native citizens and the hundreds of retired British army officers and civil servants who have been making the Island a settling place after serving abroad.

For the past 25 years there have been recurring suggestions that the Island secede from Canada. But hitherto the proposal has merely created heated discussion which has lasted as long as five or six weeks.—United Press.

Victoria, although the capital of British Columbia, is situated on the southern extremity of Vancouver Island, large, fertile but sparsely populated, and boasting scenery, sports and climate among the finest in the world. Originally known as Fort Camosun, the city was established in the Hudson's Bay Company's early days in the West and named for the Empire-building Queen. Before the coming of the transcontinental railways and the development of the mainland industrially, Victoria was the most prosperous and progressive city in the North-west.

With Vancouver's mushroom growth, however, the island city has had to be content with income from tourists and the revenue of stunted industries, and the Islanders have long felt that they bear too heavy a share of provincial taxation, largely share (Continued on Page 4.)

TEA TIME SCORE

At the tea interval the score was 209 for 2; Hammond being 100 not out.

As previously announced, Sims is replacing Worthington in the English team, while O'Brien comes in for Robinson who is twelfth man. Otherwise the teams are identical to those of the first Test.

FAGG HIT

McCormick opened the attack and immediately sent down some fiery deliveries which had the batsmen uncomfortable. Fagg was hit on the cheek by one which rose very sharply, and Barnett took another very fast one on the knee.

However, the batsmen gradually collected runs, but at 2 England suffered a reverse when Fagg sliced a fast-rising ball from McCormick and Slivers took the ball very low in the slips.

The young Kent batsman scored eleven runs in his 25 minutes at the wicket.

HAMMOND AND BARNETT
Joined by Walter Hammond, Barnett proceeded to bat steadily and the two put up the 50 after 53 minutes of batting. Barnett was then 24 and Hammond ten. By lunch-time they had increased the score by another 50 runs, the 100 being registered in the last over before the interval, after 80 minutes' play.

Barnett gave a sparkling display, scoring 60 in 80 minutes. At one time, he overshadowed Hammond, who was taking no risks.

At the lunch interval, Barnett was 51 not out and Hammond 50 not out.

THE TEAMS

England—G. O. Allen (Middlesex; Captain), L. E. Ames (Kent), C. J. Barnett (Gloucester), A. Fagg (Kent), W. R. Hammond (Gloucester), J. Hardstaff (Nottingham), M. Leyland (Yorkshire), R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex), J. M. Sims (Yorkshire), H. Verity (Yorkshire), and W. Voce (Nottingham).

Australia—Don Bradman (Capt.), S. J. McCabe, G. L. Badoock, L. F. O'Brien, J. H. Fingleton, A. G. Chipperfield, M. W. Slivers, W. G. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, E. L. McCormick and F. A. Ward.—Reuter.

BIG NARCOTIC HAUL

Boston, Dec. 17. Federal agents arrested 18 men and two women here to-day, seized \$25,000 worth of heroin and expected to capture others in an alleged ring of "dope peddlars" to-morrow, hinting at possible international ramifications of the organisation.—United Press.

It's good for children to LEARN to GIVE things away

GIVING toys and presents to children is one of the greatest pleasures we have—whether we are mother, father, uncle or aunt.

We don't get very much thanks nowadays for our gifts, neither do we expect them—we just fall victim to the lure of the lovely modern toys and give and give and give.

And the nursery people—now usually in families of ones or twos—how do they react?

They are very thrilled, very critical, and are quite unexpected in their reactions to some of the cheaper gifts. But are they really happy?

How many parents allow their children to-day the extraordinary happiness of preparing and giving gifts to other people?

Building up Character

And how many parents realise that the finest way to build character is to encourage giving, and the keenest test you will get of character is the ability—or not—to give.

The strong, confident, well-balanced child is the giver. The weak, unhappy, undeveloped child is the taker. Only those who are sure of themselves and have surplus vitality dare give in this life. But it is the surest test that all is well in the child's mind.

The aggressive, noisy child who grabs and fights is not the strong child—it is unhappy and uncertain and unable to give anything at all away.

The habit of giving can be gently nurtured from

Gardeners' Plot

In the event of colder weather look through the potatoes in store, and if they are close to a wall, move them away from it and place a good layer of straw, shavings or newspaper between them and the wall.

Throw away any decayed potatoes and break off the shoots of any which may be sprouting. Finally, give them a good covering of straw or other material.

G. H. B. B.

The strong,
confident, well-
balanced child
is the giver . . .

the cradle, and every parent should try to balance what the child receives in presents and what it gives of its own free will to those it loves.

Money need not enter into it at all. Many small children regard money as valuable collections of coins, and loathe to part with it. Never force them to part with it. Instead, show them gifts to make with their own hands.

Whenever you visit friends and are taking small gifts, such as flowers, fruit, or chocolates, let the children take their little gift as well. Make the giving of tiny, inexpensive gifts a continual pleasant occurrence in the nursery. It will foster a feeling of security and well-being in the young mind.

The man who can give away his last sixpence to a friend in need is not a rash fool—but a man who is certain that he can soon earn another. The man who hangs on to his last sixpence is the man afraid of himself.

Gifts should be Surprises

Keep all nursery gifts as surprises. Let father plan gifts for mother and mother gifts for father—and please let it be something the children have made themselves, packed themselves, and pencilled their own wishes on. The joy of their giving is then a thing to be marvelled at and it will far outshine their joy in receiving.

As children get older they should be encouraged to look round and see what people like and what they need—particularly in their own homes. By the age of seven they will be ready to spend a little of their

pocket money in buying materials for having thoroughly acquainted herself with her dressing table equipment.

Home-made Presents

There are so many things they can make. Leather gifts, painted wooden gifts, needlework gifts. And let the tiny ones make home-made pictures, or book-markers—anything and everything that will be an outlet for their artistic ability and love of creative effort.

One child's first gift was a bag of home-picked lavender in a coarsely-made cotton bag and tied with coloured string. It was tucked under her mother's pillow with a long label on it and was an enormous surprise on her birthday morning.

It came from a child of three and a half and was her own idea as she knew her mother liked nice smells—

Thought and Planning

Many grown-ups do not realise how selfish they are in their excess giving to small children. You can be too overpowering with your adult money and gifts—you can rub in your superiority too much, so that you frighten your children into being ashamed of giving their small inexpensive gifts.

Show them early that the thought and planning behind presents are the important things. That you bought them a certain gift because you had noticed that they needed it—not because you had money to spend and liked spending it on them.

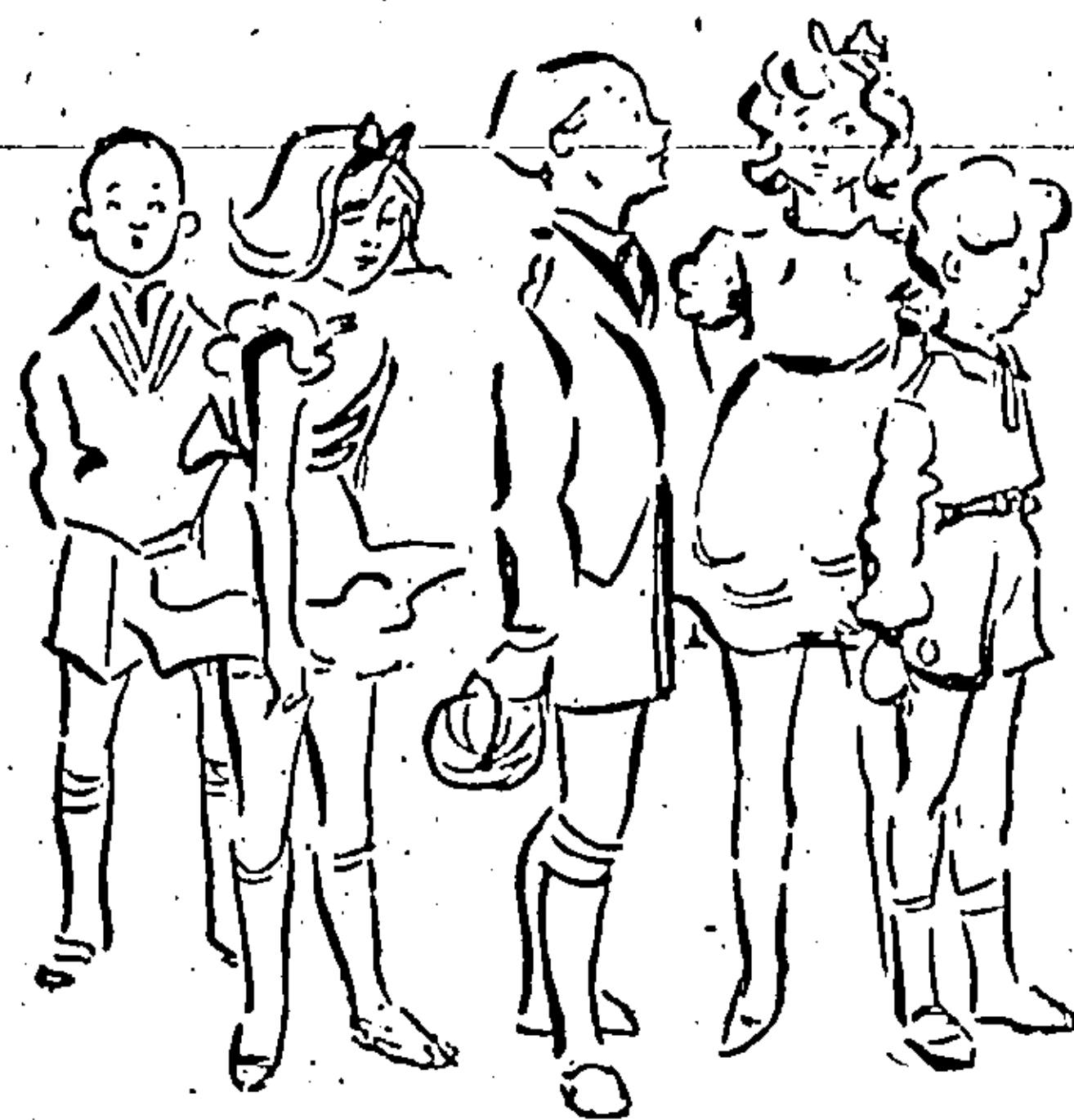
Jane Oliver and Ann Stafford on . . . Entertaining Angels

drawings

by

ANN STAFFORD

"GUESTS who arrive
at three o'clock
. . . glistening with
brilliantine, and grave
as angels . . ."



"THERE," said James's mother, "that's the last of the invitations."

But what in the world shall we do if all these children come?"

So she, like other anxious-minded mothers, asked her friends' advice during the week that followed.

Some people assured her that they would all be perfectly happy, bless their hearts, if they were just left alone; some maintained that the old games were the best after all; while others said unhappily that the modern child was so sophisticated that they'd rather give half a dozen grown-up parties.

Large Ideas

Children themselves are apt to have rather large ideas. After a conjurer at the Smiths', a ventriloquist at the Robertsons', and tumbling clowns at Brown Major's, the thought of three hours of hunt-the-slipper and postman's knock leaves them cold.

It is not their fault; for children forced into the gambols of another generation are as uncomfortable as those squeezed into shoes made for differently shaped feet.

We may as well face the fact that modern life matures our children very early. At home they acquire a taste for the miraculous as soon as they can turn on the wireless, wind

up the gramophone, or depress an electric light switch.

So when they go out to a party they like something surprising to be produced for them, even if it is only a rabbit out of a hat or a voice from a velvet doll.

But the conjuring must be expert. The modern child is an exacting critic, and unlikely to have any mercy on a father who has mugged up half a dozen tricks out of a book of words and lost the disappearing card in the middle.

If he is skilled he is lucky. If he is not, he should save himself trouble (and his children considerable agony) by enlisting the services of the entertainment department of one of the great shops, nearly all of which provide side-shows for festivities.

One of the best is the film party. Granted, of course, that some grand and horrid little boy (or girl) is almost certain to be heard piercingly telling the world in an interval of silence that he (or she) has been to a far better show last week.

Talkies may still be beyond the scope of the moderate purse, but many firms will undertake to send an operator, with a large choice of silent films, quite cheaply.

Others allow the mechanically-minded to hire, at a still lower rate, a projector and films, which they will show themselves.

One thing to remember in this case is that it is surprisingly easy for amateur operators, trying out films before the party begins, to become so absorbed that they are roused only by the sound of the door-bell announcing the first guests. Remember, too, that film projectors can be bought cheaply.

Zest of Competition

Parties, at this time of the year, invariably call for presents. An interesting variant of the Christmas tree is the Treasure Hunt, which has the extra advantage of making the children work for their gifts.

It can be arranged as a much simplified and indoor form of the grown-up version, though organisers should remember that some of the guests (under the influence of haste and excitement, at least) may be unable to read anything but the largest printing.

It is also a wise precaution to prepare conspicuous notices, bearing the now familiar NO ENTRY legend. These will keep the hunters from ransacking for instance, every drawer in an elderly visitor's bedroom.

And the use of differently coloured wrapping-paper for boys' and girls' treasure will prevent a boy from being disgusted by a doll's trousseau.

On the other hand, the hostess need not be disheartened if all her guests immediately begin swapping their presents. Mothers will confirm that there is nothing the small boy will not swap if it is detachable.

Above all, there is no need for the nervous parent to dread the round of Christmas parties because of the fights which seem to blow up over nothing.

Keeping the Peace

It is certainly a pity that the cheerfulness of the small boy tends to run so much to black eyes. But it is not inevitable that the guests who arrive at three o'clock with their caps in their hands and their slippers in em-p-broidered bags, glistening with brilliantine and grave as angels, will be punching each other in demoniacal heaps by tea-time.

Keep them all busy at something or other from the moment of arrival till that other blessed moment when the last thanks have been mumbled under parental compulsion on the doorstep, and it should be quite possible to give a successful party and yet keep the peace.

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PEERS' BIG BILLS FOR THE CORONATION

ROBE COSTS HUNDREDS

By JANE GORDON

The Coronation is going to cost the peerage a pretty penny according to information gained at Norfolk House, where two wax figures, one dressed in the robes of a peer and the other in the robes of a peeress, are being shown for two weeks.

Many fortunate peers and peeresses have retained their robes from previous Coronations and will be able to wear them unless they are in rags and tatters. Since the last Coronation, however, no fewer than 200 peers have been created.

These gentlemen, with their wives, will, of course, be those who are the most out of pocket. Inquiries at the Earl Marshal's office invariably start with the all-important question: "How much will it cost?"

The answer is, it depends entirely on your rank and the quality of the velvet, miniver and silk used for the robes.

SIX GUINEAS A YARD

Hand-loomed velvet costs six guineas a yard and is made by one firm only, and even if every peer and peeress were prepared to buy this, there would not be sufficient to go round.

Therefore, a good quality stiff velvet at about a guinea a yard will be used.

Each peer wears the same shaped robe, like a voluminous cape, reaching to the ground, of crimson velvet, with a shoulder cape of white miniver, fur made with a Peter Pan collar, tied in front with a white silk bow and finished off at the back with a crimson velvet wig bag, the whole cape being lined throughout with silk.

His coronet differs according to rank. A baron's robe will cost him from £60 to £70; his coronet from £5 to £25, and his uniform from 60 to 200 guineas.

EXPENSIVE TRAINS

The cost of a peeress' robe depends largely upon her rank. If she is a baroness her train is only 3ft. long, with a 2in. band of fur; a viscountess, 3ft. 6in.; a countess, 4ft. 6in., with a 3in. band of fur; a marchioness, 5ft. 3in., with a 4in. band of fur, and a duchess, 6ft., with a 5in. band of fur. If she is paying six guineas a yard for her velvet the price of her train alone is doubled.

ACCORDEON MAESTRO



Maurice Dufour, the amazing virtuoso of the piano-accordion, will make his Hong Kong debut at the Gripps on Saturday night.

THEY MAY PREFER BLONDES BUT NOT ON THEIR STAFFS

Business men in Australia are showing a marked preference for brunettes in their offices. In Brisbane, some employers now refuse to have a blonde on their premises.

The Principals of some of the business colleges explained it to *Austral News*. Brunettes, said one, were more adapted to routine office work. He had known cases of a quick change of staff after a blonde had been entrusted with a monotonous job.

Brunettes are believed to have greater powers of concentration, declared another who cited a well known employer's habit of saying of a girl who had been suggested for a job: "well, she is a little bit on the fair side, isn't she?"

It is unanimously agreed in Australia that employers do not want the "pretty-pretty" girl with doll-like behaviour and appearance unless her efficiency makes up for it.

And The Child Said "Fie"

Queen Victoria once invited a woman friend and her daughter to lunch.

The child was silent and well-behaved till she saw the Queen take a chicken bone between finger and thumb and gnaw it and suck it.

"Fie," said the child; and her mother blushed.

The Queen said: "My dear, you are quite right, only I wasn't as well brought up as you have evidently been."

This story was told by Dr. Claude Lillington at the Health Education Conference in London recently.

THOUGHT SLEEPING WIFE WAS DEAD

Husband Kills Himself

London, Dec. 10.

Mr. Leonard George Croft, aged 53, of Fern Villas, Quickleylane, Chorley Wood, Hertfordshire, was unable to wake his wife yesterday morning.

He thought she was dead, as she had taken four doses of a sleeping draught the night before because she could not sleep. Mr. Croft wrote a note explaining this and leaving all his property to his mother.

Mrs. Croft, however, was sleeping heavily owing to the draught. She awakened to find her husband dead with his head in a gas oven.

The Watford coroner, Mr. R. A. Godman, recorded a verdict of Suicide while of unsound mind at the inquest last night.

RUSSIAN BALLET DANCER'S DEATH A RARE DISEASE

Adelaide, Dec. 12.

Mira Dimina, a well-known dancer of the Monte Carlo Russian ballet, died here to-day at the age of 22 from the rare disease of leucocythaemia.

She was taken ill only a month ago, when she left the stage in tears after dancing in Les Sylphides. Her mother was summoned from America, and was due to arrive here on December 21.

Mira, whose real name was Madeline Parker, was a leading member of Colonel de Basil's original Russian Ballet Company.

Leucocythaemia is a disease of the blood in which the white corpuscles develop to an excessive amount. The causes of the disease are unknown.—*Reuter*.

Stork Eustace Followed The Sun Too Late

By ULYSS ROGERS.

HATS off Eustace the Prussian, most popular stork who ever lived in Britain, is dead—in Normandy.

He came with 22 companions from Prussia in June. Four went on to Scotland, 19 settled in Kent, where cartwheels were put across chimney tops for them to build nests. They liked Kent.

With autumn came the call of the south. They flew off, each one's leg with an identity ring. One with a damaged leg went a day late, was found in a field and put out of his misery. Then there were 18.

Three or four went to South Devon, were frightened off by a girl who threw corn too hard at them. Eight went to the Channel Islands and came back. They had missed their way to the unknown spot (for this was their first migration) which was calling to them—experts say it is South Africa via Suez.

Two misguided storks came down at Eton. The others went off to the Isle of Wight, settled happily at Bembridge Vicarage—then grew restless again, snapped away. But Eustace remained. People fell in love with his artless, homely ways; he was petted and fondled, joined the ducks and geese in the farmyard, perched on the hotel roof at Ryde, hobnobbed with the family of an Army officer. He was becoming an institution.

Then one morning the word went round Ryde, Bembridge, St. Helen's, Seaview—"Where's Eustace?" The call of Suez and the Cape had at last become irresistible.

What storms we have had. What bitter cold. What fog. I can picture Eustace battling on across the straits, down the French coast, ever drawn by the great magnet, the Sun.

And now, a tear for Eustace. The Normans have found him—dead.

Bernard Shaw Found Cure For Seasickness

THIS is how George Bernard Shaw discovered a cure for sea-sickness.

He was crossing to France on board a destroyer in rough weather during the war.

In the presence of a party of authors and journalists, including the late H. W. Massingham, famous Liberal editor, he walked up and down the deck throughout the voyage with his body relaxed and his knees sagging.

At Boulogne Shaw exclaimed: "It worked! I'm all right!" "No, you're not seasick," retorted Massingham, "but, by heavens, you've made all the rest of us seasick!"

HOW THEY SAY IT The method would thus appear to have its drawbacks, comments a Southampton doctor, telling the story in this month's *British Medical Journal*.

Another medical man complains of the grandiose medical terminology of seasickness.

In scientific language "one cannot find one's sea legs by lying in bed" swells into: "The fundamental requirement for this adaptation is the simultaneous action of the conditioned stimulus and the unconditioned stimulus already established as the activator of the desired reflex."

OPIMUM PILLS Here are the suggestions of three doctors for a cure:

Fresh air; recumbent position; protection from cold.

Take opium pills (because he believes sickness to be due to "disturbance of the semi-circular canals of the ear," which a narcotic will prevent).

Try a hammock (with its use "the movements of the ship are scarcely perceptible.")

Ship surgeons and naval men should have something to say, it is added.

Air Ring of Steel

By MESCOTCH (Famous War-time Pilot)

TO-DAY I am able to reveal the details of the plan for curtains of steel to defend Britain's cities from air attacks.

These curtains of wire, three-quarters of a mile deep, will be suspended by a line of gigantic balloons 4½ miles high. They will form Britain's innermost line of defence against air invasion.

The balloons will have a capacity of about 100,000 feet, and they will be spaced out at intervals of 20-30 yards. The height of the curtains will be determined by reports from observation posts.

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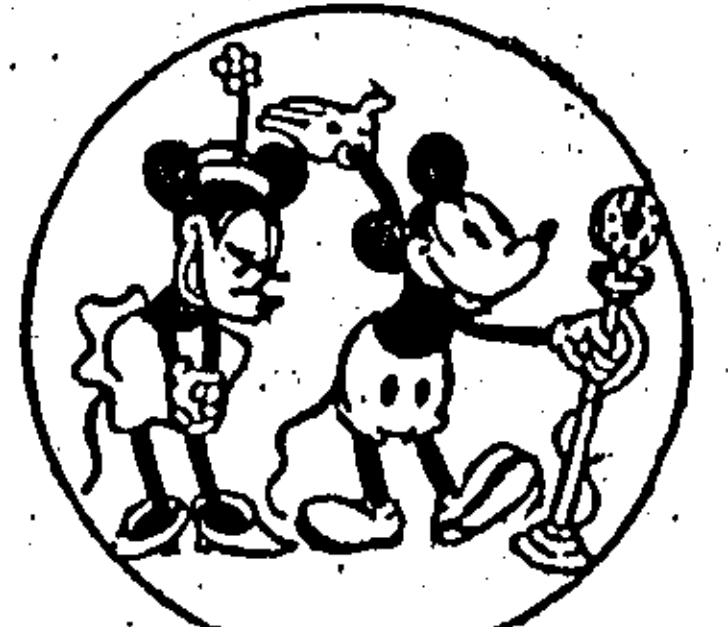
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BRITAIN WILL NOT
SCRAP OLD CRUISERS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Meanwhile, six rescue squads dug all last night and continued to-day to work in the wreckage of the destroyed submarine of the Victoria, where whole blocks of apartments were wiped out in the war's fiercest air raid. The Government, however, claims to have shot down four rebel pursuit planes and one big bomber.

It is reported that Boudilla del Monte and Minidohonda are in complete ruin.—United Press.

Pilots Training

Valencia, Dec. 17.

It is reliably stated that hundreds of young Spaniards are at the moment training as aviators in European countries and that they will shortly return to form the nucleus of a loyal air force with which the Government hopes to overcome the attacking flying units.—United Press.

Britain's Warning

London, Dec. 17.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Samuel Hoare, to-day informed the House of Commons that five British cruisers, scheduled for scrapping under the naval treaties, will be retained in service because "this is no time to scrap serviceable vessels."

The announcement is regarded as a further warning that Britain intends to build defence forces adequate to cope with any attack.

Before Sir Samuel spoke, reliable sources revealed that Britain had developed a new fourteen-inch gun more efficient than any other navy's sixteen-inch weapons. These guns will be used in the two new 35,000-ton battleships, the King George the Fifth and the Prince Edward, construction on which starts in January.

Details Kept Secret

It is reported that the new gun will fire a shell weighing 2,010 pounds, at a rate of one every 40 seconds.

The piece is also 25 tons lighter than the present fourteen-inch gun, permitting the utilisation of 200 tons of weight saved per ship in stronger armoring.

Further details of the gun are most secret. It is understood that the two new battleships will further the Admiralty's desire for a Navy equal to any contingency likely to arise in Europe, which is filled with talk of war.

Five Knots Faster

It is understood that these mighty new ships will be five knots faster than any battleship afloat, and probably faster even than the powerful battle-cruiser H.M.S. Hood, which has a maximum speed of 32 knots. It is reported that deck armour on the new ships will be an important feature. It will be only five inches thick, but it is considered sufficient to protect them against the largest known aerial bomb.

The vessels will also carry more aircraft than any existing battleship. It is noteworthy that the Anglo-American agreement of 1936 set the maximum gun calibre for ships 14 inches.—United Press.

FOUR DESTITUTE
RUSSIANSFOUND ASLEEP ON
WASTE PLOT

Three Russian men and a woman were brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on charges of having entered the Colony on or about December 13 without valid passports. Defendants are Mikhail Ivanovich Skupchenko, 48, Fedor Nikolayevich Igouff, 55, Alexei Vassilievich Lopochoff, 24, and Irene Maximovna Kostichenko, 48.

Det.-Sergeant Russell said, defendants came here from Canton on December 13. They were destitute and were taken into custody at 2 a.m. yesterday when they were found sleeping on a piece of waste ground in Chatham Road Kowloon. An expulsion order would meet the case. The order was granted.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 16.	Dec. 17.
Paris.....	105.8/04	105.8/04
Geneva.....	21.36 1/2	21.36 1/2
Berlin.....	12.21 1/2	12.21 1/2
Athens.....	447 1/2	550
Milan.....	93 1/4	93.11/32
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Shanghai.....	1/2.13/32	1/2.13/32
New York.....	4.91 1/2	4.91 1/2
Amsterdam.....	9.01 1/2	9.01 1/2
Vienna.....	26 1/4	26 1/4
Prague.....	139 1/2	139 1/2
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/2.20/32	1/2.20/32
Bombay.....	1/6.5/32	1/6.5/32
Calcutta.....	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Brussels.....	20.04 1/2	20.04 1/2
Yokohama.....	1/1.31/32	1/1.31/32
Batavia.....	213	213
Monte Video.....	397 1/2	397 1/2
Buenos Aires.....	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Silver (forward).....	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (spot).....	21 1/2	21 1/2
War Loan.....	105 1/2	105 1/2

—British Wireless.

SANCTUARY EXPIRES

Oslo, Dec. 17.

M. Leon Trotsky's sanctuary expires at midnight but Immigration Department officials said to-day that he was remaining in Norway indefinitely.—United Press.

KEROSENE TEST
CASE ENDSMAGISTRATE HOLDS
LICENCE NECESSARY

Junk and small traders dealing with water-borne petroleum were declared to be engaged in illegal operations by virtue of Mr. E. Himsforth's judgment against Lai Yu at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in what has come to be known as the Kerosene Test Case.

The Crown won their case against Yu Lai for possession of dangerous goods, but the main contention of the defence—that the Ordinance did not provide for the issue of licences for water-borne dangerous goods—was stated by His Worship to be outside the province of the Police Court. He was informed, however, that the Regulations in issue were being revised and because the defendant who was guilty of an offence to-day might not be guilty in a short time, he would only impose a nominal fine of \$50.

Lai Yu was charged on September 3 with possession of dangerous goods, namely 270 tons of kerosene distillate and 347 tins of either kerosene or kerosene distillate, found on Lighter 71V at Cheungshawan Bay the previous day. Defendant was fined \$150 and the 347 tins were confiscated. Later he was granted a rehearing on the grounds that he had not been legally represented and his offence was a technical one.

Mr. F. H. Losby appeared for defendant at the rehearing which was also before Mr. Himsforth, and Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

The magistrate said this morning: "It is a fact that the Regulations are being revised, I would hesitate to impose a heavy fine because it may happen that what is now an offence may not be an offence soon. Defendant will be fined \$50."

At the request of Mr. Abbott, His Worship made an order allowing for the confiscation of only the few tins of kerosene used by the parties for demonstration purposes at the Court. The remainder were to be restored to defendant and to be kept in a place to be mutually agreed upon between him and the Government officers pending their disposal.

OFFICER VINDICATED

In his judgment, Mr. Himsforth recalled that there had been "some fairly broad hints, if not actual suggestions, made by the defence that the constable, Mr. Fitz-Henry, in bringing this prosecution was actuated by some improper motive involving a desire to exterminate the small oil traders in Cheungshawan Bay to the advantage of the larger oil companies. I am pleased to find that the suggestions were not pressed further for I cannot find anything which has arisen in the course of this hearing which could possibly support any allegations that Mr. Fitz-Henry was prompted by any motive or acted, at any time, in a capacity that that demanded by the capacity of his duties as a constable by the correct discharge of his duties as a Fire Brigade Officer."

The case had gone outside the province of the actual charge because His Worship did not wish to prejudice the defence in any way in their allegations that the Ordinance was an anachronism and that the executive had discriminated in the use of their powers.

There had been much evidence on the nature of kerosene, which seemed to be a singularly vague term but it was apparent that defendant was not deceived by the term. The grammatical words of the Ordinance were clear and they did not say that the Ordinance did not refer to waterborne goods. In his opinion the Ordinance held that possession of dangerous goods without a licence was unlawful on land, sea and in an aeroplane. It might be that the Ordinance had produced results which could hardly have been anticipated by the Legislature and it might be that it was totally unfit for modern conditions, but these were not questions for the Court.

Mr. Losby asked for a nominal fine of one cent. There was petrol on the floor of the Court, which was a petroleum product and not exempt from the list of dangerous goods, yet there was no licence for it, as there were no licences for the ships coming into the harbour with dangerous goods on board.

His Worship gave judgment as above.

CANADIANS WANT
EDWARD AS KING

(Continued from Page 1.)

needed for the development of Vancouver's hinterland. For this reason the idea of secession has long been popular in certain sections.

Previously the talk was all of making the Island a separate province, Dominion or Crown Colony. It is self-supporting. This is the first time that the proposal of a monarchy has been put forward.—Ed.

DUKE TO BE SANTA CLAUS

Enzfeld, Dec. 17.

It is understood that the Duke of Windsor will play Santa Claus, in full uniform, and distribute gifts for Baron Rothschild at a party for village children.—United Press.

MUI-TSAI CASE
MARRIED WOMAN
FINED

A formerly wealthy married woman, Li Wan-ni, aged 32, stood in the dock at the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. W. Schofield, charged with keeping an unregistered mui-tsai, Chan Ping, aged 20, at No. 27 Shing On Street, ground floor, Saiwanho, on December 10. She pleaded guilty.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said that on December 10, the girl disappeared from her employer's residence, and a report was made to the S. C. A. on December 15 by a man who said he was the prospective husband of the girl. Two days later, the girl was found by this man near the Western Market, where he had seen her hanging about the place. It appeared that the girl ran away because defendant slapped her for having mislaid a box of medicine, and for seven days she had been sleeping under the verandahs of houses until discovered by her prospective husband.

According to the girl, she had been pressed by her father to a family when she was very young, for certain sums of money, which the father needed to purchase medicine. She worked for this family as a mui-tsai, receiving neither wages nor lucky money. When she was thirteen years old, she was sold to defendant's family in Swatow, where she remained until she was fourteen, when she was brought to Hongkong. In Hongkong, she looked after defendant's children and received 20 cents a year "lucky money."

On the tenth moon of 1935, the girl was betrothed to a man and a sum of \$140 was agreed upon as a marriage dowry. Of this sum, \$40 was deposited with defendant, and she spent this in being necessary for rice and other household expenses. The family were formerly well-off, defendant's husband being a tide-waiter in Swatow, until he lost his job. A servant had been employed by the family when the girl first joined the household, but this servant had been dismissed when defendant's husband lost his job. There were eight children in defendant's family, four of whom were living with them.

The girl herself had been fairly well-treated by defendant as regards food and clothing, and no marks of violence had been found on her. The girl had expressed a desire to marry her prospective husband, and did not wish to return to defendant.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$100, or six weeks' hard labour, on defendant.

NEW USE FOR
"DISCOVERY"HEADQUARTERS OF
SEA SCOUTS

The Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands is to be invited to assent to a proposal that the royal research ship, Discovery, at present laid up in East India Dock, be handed over to the Boy Scouts' Association. Among other purposes, the ship would be used as headquarters for the Sea Scout branch of the Boy Scouts' Association and as a hostel for overseas Scouts who may from time to time be passing through London.—British Wireless.

EMPIRE TRADE
TALKSNO DETAILS AT
PRESENT

London, Dec. 17. The Dominions Secretary stated in the House of Commons that the discussions on trade between the United Kingdom and the New Zealand Ministry of Finance had so far been of a preliminary nature, and it would be premature to make a statement. Another Board of Trade reply on trade negotiations mentioned Canada and India as the only two countries with which commercial negotiations were in progress.—British Wireless.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION
Spoon And Practice Shoot

On Saturday Afternoon

There will be a spoon and practice shoot, at Stonecutters, by courtesy of the Naval Authorities, on Saturday afternoon next commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

A private launch will leave Queen's Pier at 1.15 p.m., calling at the Kowloon Public Pier at 1.25 p.m., Shamshuipo at 1.40 p.m., arriving at Stonecutters at 1.50 p.m. The launch will be available for the return trip.

It is requested that, through the Council representatives, the Honorary Secretary of the Association may be informed not later than 2.30 p.m. to-day (Friday) how many members from each unit or club will be attending.

CINEMA
NOTES

Robert Cummings and Eleanor

Whitney dance and sing their way through one of the gayest musicals of film history in "Three Cheers for Love," the Paramount "Swing Opera," which is showing to-day at the Alhambra Theatre. A fast moving, novelty-filled plot is the background for the pair's romance. "Three Cheers for Love" presents whirlwind Miss Whitney as the daughter of a Hollywood movie magnate, John Hallday, sent to a finishing school by her step-mother, socially-conscious Veda Ann Borg. The school has been on its last legs. At the instance of William Frawley, head of a grand old vaudeville troupe, Elizabeth Patterson, superintendent, keeps it open for her one registered student. In order to crash Hollywood, Frawley and the troupe arrange a school having a faculty of vaudeville actors, to greet Miss Whitney. The idea is to cast Eleanor in a "Swing Opera" production, get Hallday to come and see it, and persuade him to buy the show intact for films. Eleanor falls in love with Cummings, song writer and supposed "professor of music." Their romance is working out of the troupe's scheme is the basis of the yarn. Miss Whitney and Cummings present a number of fast dance numbers, one of them "Swing-Along" which they originated and which is gaining national popularity. Exceptional character work by the French sensation, Olympia Brasseur, and by Louis DaProne, also are featured.

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	Last	To-day's
	Price	Price
War Loan 3 1/2% redm after 1932	£105 1/2	£105 1/2
4 1/2% Bonds 1936 (Brit. Iss.)	£101	£101
5% Gold Bonds 1925-47	£98	£98 1/2
4 1/2% Loan 1900	£99 1/2	£100
5% Loan 1912	£78	£77 1/2
5% Reorg Loan 1913	£92 1/2	£92 1/2
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5% Honan Ry. 1905	£71 1/2	£71
5% Hokuang Ry. 1911	£51 1/2	£52
5% Lung Tsing U. Ry. 1913	£20	£20 1/2
5% Shai-Nanking Ry. 1905	£72 1/2	£72 1/2
5% Tient-Pukow Railway (Brit. Spd.)	£53	£53
5% Tient-Pukow Ry. (Ger Spd)	£52	£52
5% Tient-Pukow Ry. (Brit Spd Loan)	£52 1/2	£52 1/2
5% Japan Sterling Loan 1907	£70	£70 1/2
5% Japan Sterling Loan 1924	£80 1/2	£80
7% German International Loan 1924	£57	£56 1/2
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & Ceylon (Ldn. Regd.)	£108 1/2	£108 1/2
Chinese Engineering & Mining (Beccar)	14/3	14/-
Chosen Corp.	13/1 1/2	11/3
Pekin Syndicate	5/3	5/3
Shai Electric Construction	45/-	45/-
Shai Waterworks	35 1/2	35 1/2
Union Insurance Soc of Canton	37	37
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	52/0	51/3
Allied Ironfounders	33/0	33/0
Associated & Electrical Industries	62/3	52/-
Austin Motors Ltd (beccar)	47/0	47/0
Camell, Laird, ord.	133/0	134/4 1/2
Mexican Eagle	18/4 1/2	16/4 1/2
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Eve And The Apple.
If Eve had not eaten the apple in the Garden of Eden, we are told, the world would not have got into the muddle it is in to-day. If people generally were more careful in the matter of diet there would be no cause for much of the present day suffering from digestive troubles.
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A FINAL APPEAL

Christmas is approaching with its numerous calls for generosity, and it seems desirable to close the King George V. Memorial Fund before it becomes one of too many claims on our charity. I therefore propose to close the subscription lists on Saturday, December 19th, and I ask every citizen of Victoria and Kowloon to put to himself the following questions:

(1) Have I fully appreciated the nature of the Memorial, which is that the thank-offerings of those who prospered under the late reign will be devoted to the recreation of poor people in crowded areas; so that Hongkong's monument to King George will not be a lifeless statue of him but a living and permanent realisation of his desire for the health and happiness of his poorest subjects?

(2) Are the ninety thousand dollars that have already been raised the most that Hongkong can do?

(3) If not, can I add to the amount, even though my contribution be small?

(4) Or, having already given, can I give more?

A. CALDECOTT,
GOVERNOR.

BAD LUCK HOSPITAL HAS GOOD LUCK The Serpent They Wouldn't Pull Down

GOOD LUCK has come to East Grinstead's new cottage hospital since the authorities defied superstition and refused to spend £63 in removing the twined serpent—symbol of Aesculapius, god of healing—which rears itself from the roof.

Superstitious East Grinstead people shuddered when they first saw the snake on the roof. "It's bad luck," they said, and shook their heads.

ALWAYS BLAMED

They blamed the serpent for the rain that fell when Princess Helena Victoria opened the hospital on January 8.

They blamed the serpent when the matron, Miss Garlett, and a nurse fell ill and became the hospital's first patients.

They blamed the serpent when two patients died within ten days of the opening ceremony.

In February they demanded that the serpent should go—and a weather vane take its place.

But the authorities said, "Nonsense. The serpent cannot do us any harm. Besides, it will cost £63 to take it away."

People who read about the hospital and the serpent sent donations.

Miss Garlett said:

"We had one anonymous donation for £1,000. No one has the faintest idea who sent it."

"We have now one of the finest X-ray departments in the country."

"The serpent has certainly brought us no bad luck. It is still up there and we're all cheerful down here below it."

"Everything looks very rosy. Most of the patients get better. We are very happy about everything—and I don't think any one fears the serpent now."

BALKAN POWERS DISCUSS NEXT WAR

Ankara, Dec. 17.
NEGOTIATIONS for the unified command of the armies of the Balkan Entente (Turkey, Rumania, Greece, and Yugoslavia) should the Entente ever find itself at war are believed to be afoot.

This is the upshot of the conversations which Marshal Chakmak, Turkish chief of the general staff, had with his fellow chiefs of staff at the recent Balkan Entente conference at Bucharest.

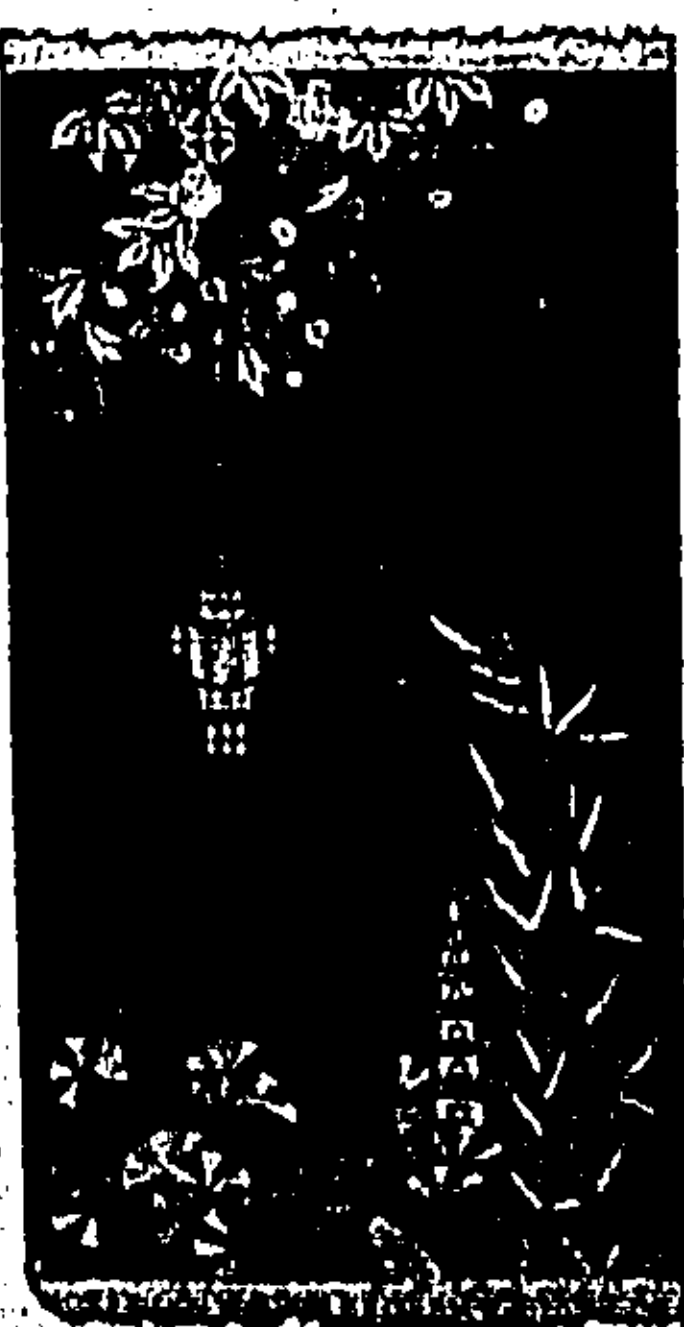
The Marshal had since had a series of important conferences with President Ataturk on this subject.

Chaperones For Tokyo Girls At Olympiad

Tokyo, Dec. 18.
PRINCIPALS of Tokyo schools met to discuss "the organization of a special agency to work for a manifestation of the true spirit of Japan in 1940 (Olympic Games year) through the graceful demeanour of its girls."

This is what they decided about the girls:

1. They should stop dressing like revue actresses;
2. They should be chaperoned when attending the Games;
3. They must not ask foreign athletes for autographs.—Reuter.



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INSPECTION INVITED

THREAT TO LYNCH GENERAL IN JAIL

Louisville (Kentucky), Dec. 17.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL HENRY DENHARDT, 60-year-old former Lieutenant-Governor of Kentucky, has been brought to the jail here, charged with the murder of his 40-year-old fiancée, Mrs. Verna Taylor.

The scene of the alleged crime was 70 miles away, but Denhardt was moved for fear of mob violence.

Mob Around Jail

At Newcastle on Friday, after he had been remanded to go before a grand jury on a charge of first degree murder, Kentucky Hill folk swirled around the little jail with threats to lynch him.

In his first utterance since arrest Denhardt to-day said the aristocrat widow had been courting him frequently threatened to end her life, and that on their last motor trip she had suggested, "Let's die together."

Nervously pacing the three-room suite of the comfortable "cells," where he is watched day and night for fear of suicide attempts, Denhardt told an interviewer his version of what happened.

"We were driving through the hills when suddenly she reached into the glove compartment of the car and seized my heavy Army revolver. It was fully loaded. I wrenched it from her, replaced it, and locked the compartment."

Forgiveness Plea

"Then she told me almost hysterically how she had been courted by another man. He had expected to marry her until I gave her an engagement ring."

"I patted her head and told her to stop thinking about it. Then she pleaded for my forgiveness—as if I'd anything to forgive."

"When the car broke down later I was trying to arrange repairs when Mrs. Taylor evidently slipped away suddenly. I was shocked by the blast of a gun."

"I rushed to the car and found the glove compartment open, the gun gone, and the keys missing. Then I heard a second shot."

"I hurried down the road with two farmers. We found her in the ditch, my revolver at her side."

Famous Author Asks Coronation Amnesty

MR. COMPTON MACKENZIE, the famous author, has issued a forceful appeal for a Coronation amnesty for Dartmoor Prison mutineers.

The inspiration of this appeal was a visit which Mr. Wilfred Macartney, author of a sensational prison book, who had served 10 years' penal servitude, paid to Mr. Mackenzie in the novelist's home on the Island of Barra.

For 12 months Mr. Macartney stayed on Barra and wrote his exposure of prison conditions, "Walls Have Mouths." But for Mr. Compton Mackenzie's encouragement this book, which shocked all Britain, might never have been written.

Now Mr. Mackenzie, who heard many grim tales of prison horrors during the writing of the book, appeals for remission of the long sentences of penal servitude passed on convicts who took part in the Dartmoor mutiny.

The appeal, which has been sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lady Oxford, Lord Nuffield, and many others, states that the extra sentences brought some mutineers' terms up to as much as 18 years' penal servitude.

Sent Him Mad

"One man by the name of Ibbotson," the appeal states, "who had only a few months to serve to finish a four years' sentence, was given an additional 10 years. It sent him mad, and he is now in Broadmoor Asylum."

"At the last two Coronations considerable remissions of sentences were granted to prisoners. Is it too much to ask that at the forthcoming Coronation the suffering of these men shall not be forgotten?"

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Men and Things Abroad

by BERNARD MOORE

THREATENED extension of the South Manchurian Railway south of the Great Wall of China is causing grave concern in China. The South Manchurian Railway, of course, provided the Sarajevo "rifle shot" that began the Sino-Japanese war and plunged the League of Nations into its first major international dispute with disastrous results.

The "Mukden incident," when, according to the Japanese version, a length of railway line—it was only three feet in any case—was blown up, was the signal for the Japanese aggression in Manchuria. In the conflict that followed, Japan defied the League and, by doing so successfully, without any doubt encouraged Mussolini to launch on his Abyssinian venture.

£11,000,000 Scheme

RECENTLY Mr. Matsuoka, General Manager of the South Manchurian Railway, announced that an attempt would shortly be made to raise two hundred million yen, over eleven million pounds, for immediate use in enterprises south of the Great Wall.

The same Mr. Matsuoka pleaded the Japanese case at the League Assembly and was privileged to lead his delegation and Japan out of the League of Nations.

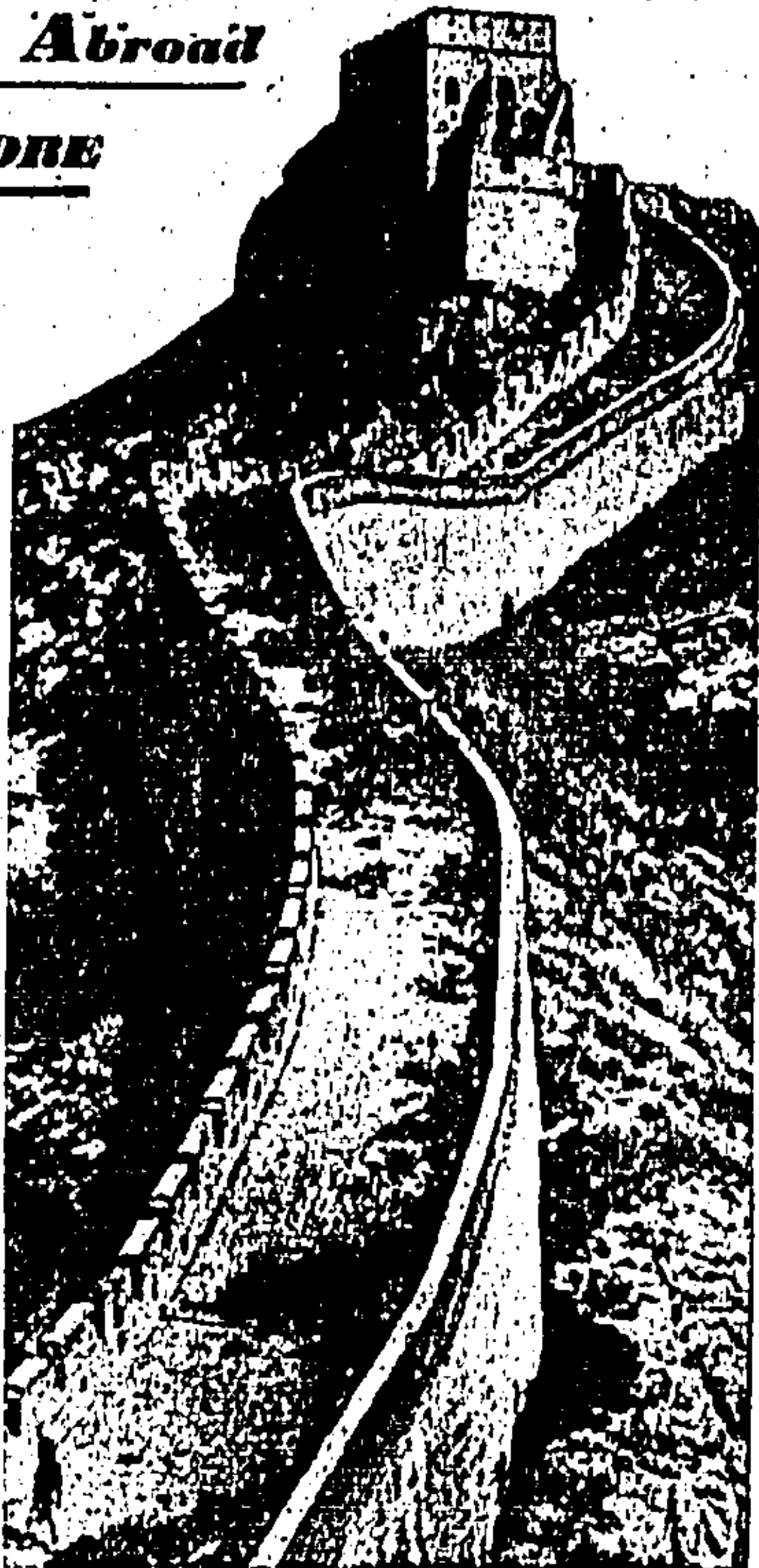
I remember him in Geneva when, clad in a brown kimono, he told me almost with tears in his eyes that he represented the great proletariat. "I remember him, too, perpetrating in the League Council the most magnificent mixed metaphor I have ever heard. He was complaining of some new Chinese 'aggression.' 'This is the last straw that breaks the over-stretched rubber band,' he said.

The Spear-head

BUT, Mr. Matsuoka represents an organisation which, in the Chinese view, has always been used as a spearhead of Japanese expansionist activity.

No explanation is required to convince thoughtful Chinese, including every schoolboy and girl in the land, that of all the semi-official enterprises of Imperial Japan on the Continent of Asia, none has exercised such satanical influence in the relations of oriental nations as the South Manchurian Railway," writes the "China Weekly Review."

The paper goes on to say that, recently, Chinese warlords in the North granted the railway the right to con-



South of the Great Wall
"satanical influence is at work."

struct a number of new railways extending into the coal and iron districts of Chahar and Shansi and the cotton-growing areas of Honan and Shansi, several hundred miles south of the Great Wall.

Small wonder that the Chinese fear another Mukden incident which might well result in Japan adding another chunk of territory consisting of the provinces of Hopei, Chahar, Suiyuan, Shansi and Shantung to the puppet State of Manchukuo.

Queer Olive Branch

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI seems to pluck his olive branches from a blackthorn tree. A fortnight ago he talked of an olive branch reinforced by millions of bayonets. This week, his peace offer in the Mediterranean was backed by a threat that Italy would rise, to a man, if his demands were not met. Mr. Eden's reply in the House of

TROUBLE OVER the WALL

Commons was timely. He welcomed the Duce's assurances that he had not the intention of threatening what was the British Empire's arterial road.

It is difficult, indeed, to see what Mussolini means when he talks of recognising Italy's interests in the Mediterranean. Does he mean naval control of the Sea? The only other interests Italy can have are of an economic character and no one has ever threatened them, so it is intriguing to know why he is making such a storm in a teacup.

Although the Non-Intervention Committee at first decided, for some unfathomable reason, that its proceedings and all its documents should be kept in deepest mystery, there has been inevitably, fairly full publicity given to its tortuous discussions in the Press of all countries.

But it is amusing to see that Italy, in the front rank in protesting against Russian branches of the secrecy undertaking, is hardly in a position to cast stones.

On October 28, Signor Grandi, the Italian Ambassador, presented to Lord Elymton a list of allegations against Russia of infractions of the Non-Intervention Agreement.

Next day, the full text of was published by the Italian Press, which had received it from the official Italian news agency. Unfortunately for the Italian Government, the old excuse of journalistic indiscretions cannot be used, for the only indiscretions permitted in the Italian Press are those authorised by the Government.

Soviet Congress

WHEN the All-Union Congress of Soviets meets in Moscow at the end of this month, one of those who played an important part in drawing up the new Constitution which it meets to approve will not be present.

Karl Radek, world-famous journalist and writer on foreign affairs in "Izvestia," is languishing in a Soviet jail on a charge of conspiring against the State. He was responsible for the final drafting of the text of the Constitution. An interesting develop-

ment envisaged in the new charter is that the U.S.S.R. will, in future, be composed of 11 "Union Republics," instead of the existing seven.

The Turkmenian, Uzbek, Tajik, Kazakh and Kirghiz Soviet Socialist Republics, clumped together between the Caspian Sea and Afghanistan, and hitherto known under the high-sounding title of "Transcaucasian Socialist Federal Soviet Republics," will be separately represented and separately mentioned in the Constitution.

Secret Ballot

MOST important of the changes, of course, will be the new form of Parliamentary representation. In a way, the new political organisation of Russia is reminiscent of the Swiss Federal system.

The Executive organ, corresponding to the British Cabinet, is to be the Council of People's Commissars, consisting of the Chairmen of the vital "Committees," which correspond, nearly enough, to our Governmental departments.

This Executive is responsible to the Supreme Council, consisting of two Chambers—the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities. Both Chambers are to have equal rights and will be elected for a period of four years.

The Council of the Union is to be elected on the basis of one deputy for each 300,000 of the population, and will thus have a membership of some 600 deputies. They will be elected by secret ballot—a tremendous step forward.

Another important change marking the development towards a regular Parliamentary Constitution is that the Supreme Council will meet twice a year regularly. In the intervals both Chambers will be represented by a Presidium of 37 members.

Hitherto, the All-Russian Congress of Soviets has met at irregular intervals on an average once every two years.

One interesting development foreseen for the future is the adherence of Outer Mongolia on the Chinese frontier to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This State is independent, but receives considerable assistance and protection from the Soviet Union.

A Busy Week

THE diplomats are going round and around, and the music—usually of the military variety—seems to come out almost unvaryingly. For the statesman, especially in



MARSHAL RYDZ-SMIGLY
Would-be Dictator of Poland

Central Europe, are playing general post this week with a vengeance. Some of them are in Vienna for the Danubian Conference; Admiral Horthy, the Hungarian Regent, is bound for Rome; King Emmanuel of Italy is to go to Budapest and Prince Paul of Yugoslavia comes to London.

Meanwhile, guest of the week here is Colonel Joseph Beck, Poland's dour Foreign Minister, who since Pilsudski's death has been carrying on a behind-the-scenes struggle with Marshal Rydz-Smigly for the dictatorship of Poland.

Rydz-Smigly appears to be winning at the moment. He returned from his recent trip to Paris a popular hero and received his Marshal's baton yesterday, as a reward.

And Rydz-Smigly on top means, anyhow for the present, a pro-French foreign policy in Poland.

Landslide

IT is refreshing to see that Geneva, despite all its present troubles, succeeds in keeping a sense of humour. No sooner had the amazing result of the United States Presidential election been received than Carlo, the League's barman, invented a new cocktail in the President's honour.

Of course it is called a "Roosevelt," and as a tribute to the international character of the President's descent, consists of English gin, Dutch curacao and French absinthe.

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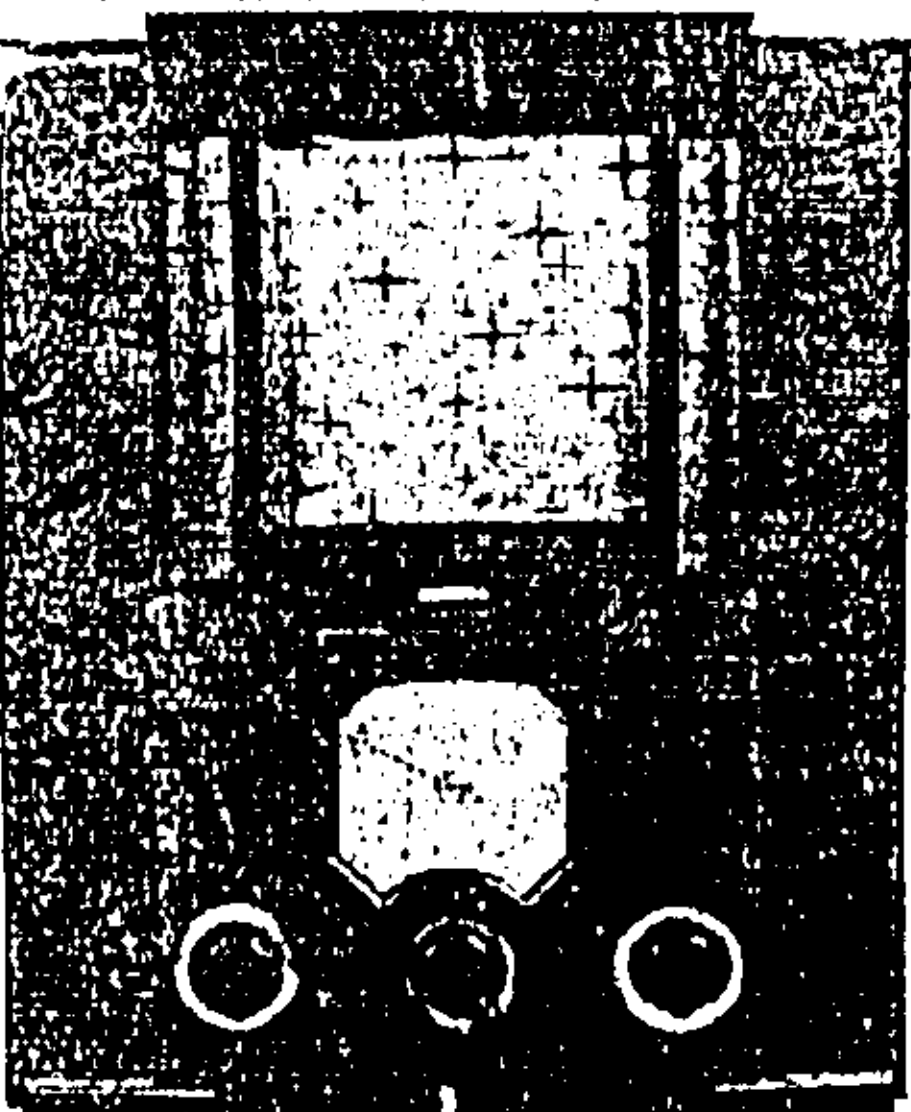
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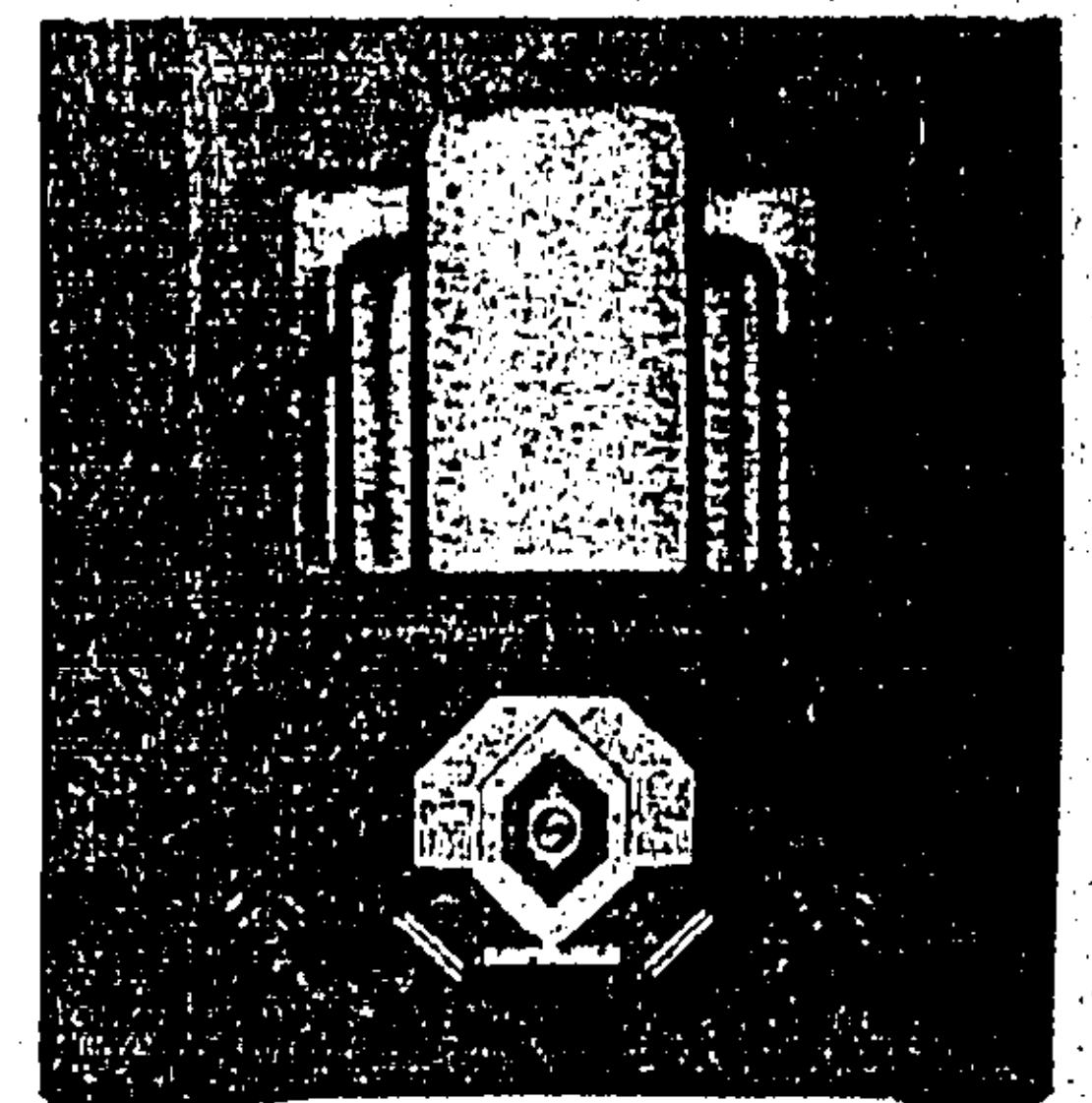
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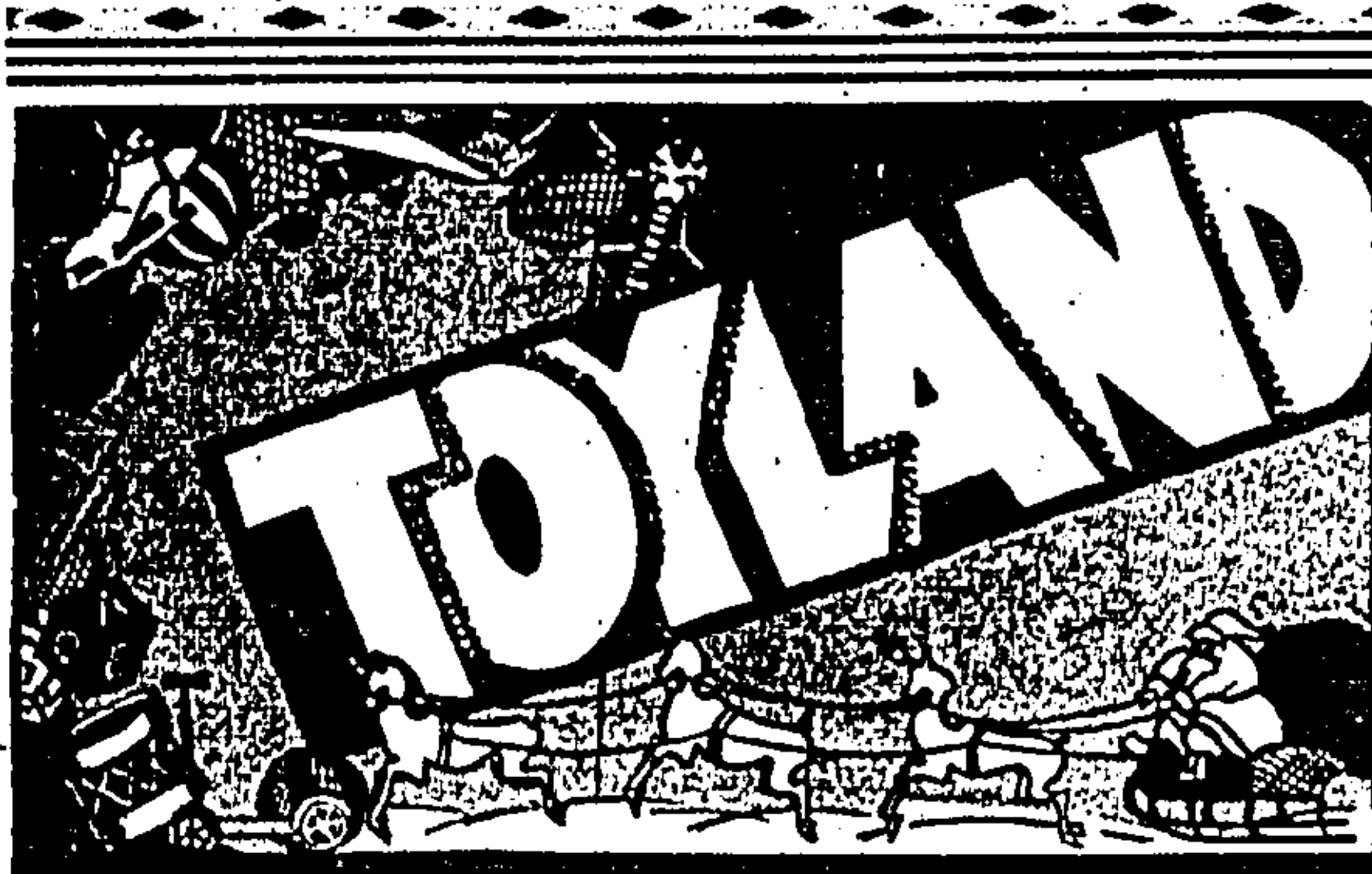
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DEPRESSED AREAS

One of the most difficult and disturbing features of the unemployment problem at home is to be found in what are called Special Areas. These are districts where local industries have, for various reasons, become practically derelict. Many of these areas are in the coal-mining districts, such as that in South Wales which ex-King Edward recently visited. Two years ago, the Government appointed Mr. P. Malcolm Stewart as Commissioner for these areas, his task being to study the problems and to devise measures for improving the conditions therein. Mr. Stewart at first stipulated that he should serve for one year only, but he has now resigned after two years' service. His third and final report, just issued, contains no fewer than twenty specific recommendations. One of these relates to the further expansion of industry in Greater London, and in dealing with it Mr. Stewart says the rapidity of London's growth is a cause for alarm. It is a danger to the general welfare of London's present population and also to the national well-being. In case of hostile attack in war time there would be great difficulty in providing adequate protection or food supplies for the inhabitants. To prevent any further needless expansion, it is therefore suggested that industrialists should be asked their reasons for seeking to establish themselves in London; if their reasons are not found to be valid they should be restrained from doing so—though left free to choose elsewhere. The psychological factor is said to play a part also in keeping manufacturers away from the Special Areas. They fear that the present distress makes these districts unsuitable for the development of industrial activity, and for this reason Mr. Stewart suggests that, as a means of overcoming their objections, the State should offer manufacturers special inducements. The inducements suggested include a measure of relief from income tax and from local rates, and the grant of long-term loans at a low rate. These inducements would apply only to new industries established in the areas and to extensions to existing industries, and might operate for a period of seven years. Other recommendations include financial assistance in

• what can we
give Aunt Rose?

I DID promise to keep off the subject of Christmas presents for another year, but you know me—conscientious. Don't seem to be able to let a thing ride.

I'm not worried about having missed any of the best bargains. It's something deeper than that; finer. Have I, I ask myself (and the answer is practically always no), have I got down to the soul of the question?

It turns out, after much thought, that there is something missing, and what it is is the technique, or the art, if I may put it so strongly, of selecting, giving, and sending.

We have, of course, all studied the thing in theory. There is that say-so, for instance, which has been said once, even if it hasn't been said a hundred times, that the ideal way to choose a present is to select something you really would like to keep for yourself.

Now it seems to me there are flaws in this. It could only work out in the most satisfactory way if the giver was one of your own household. I do know of a young wife who, unsure of her taste in ties (after a study of the funny papers) upped and gave her husband a set of real lace and crepe de Chine undies (small women's). They both liked the present very much.

For recipients outside of the house a more complicated routine must be developed.

There is, of course, the simple method of buying the present, telling yourself it is for you, and keeping it. But that is not so much technique as downright cheating.

With thought I have devised this plan. The crux of the matter is to buy your presents early. The shops have been telling you to do this for ages, but they forgot to say why.

POEM

When icicles hang by the wall,
And Dick the shepherd
blows his nail,
And Tom bears logs into the
hall,
And milk comes frozen home
in pail,
When blood is nipp'd, and
ways be foul,
Then nightly sings the staring
owl,

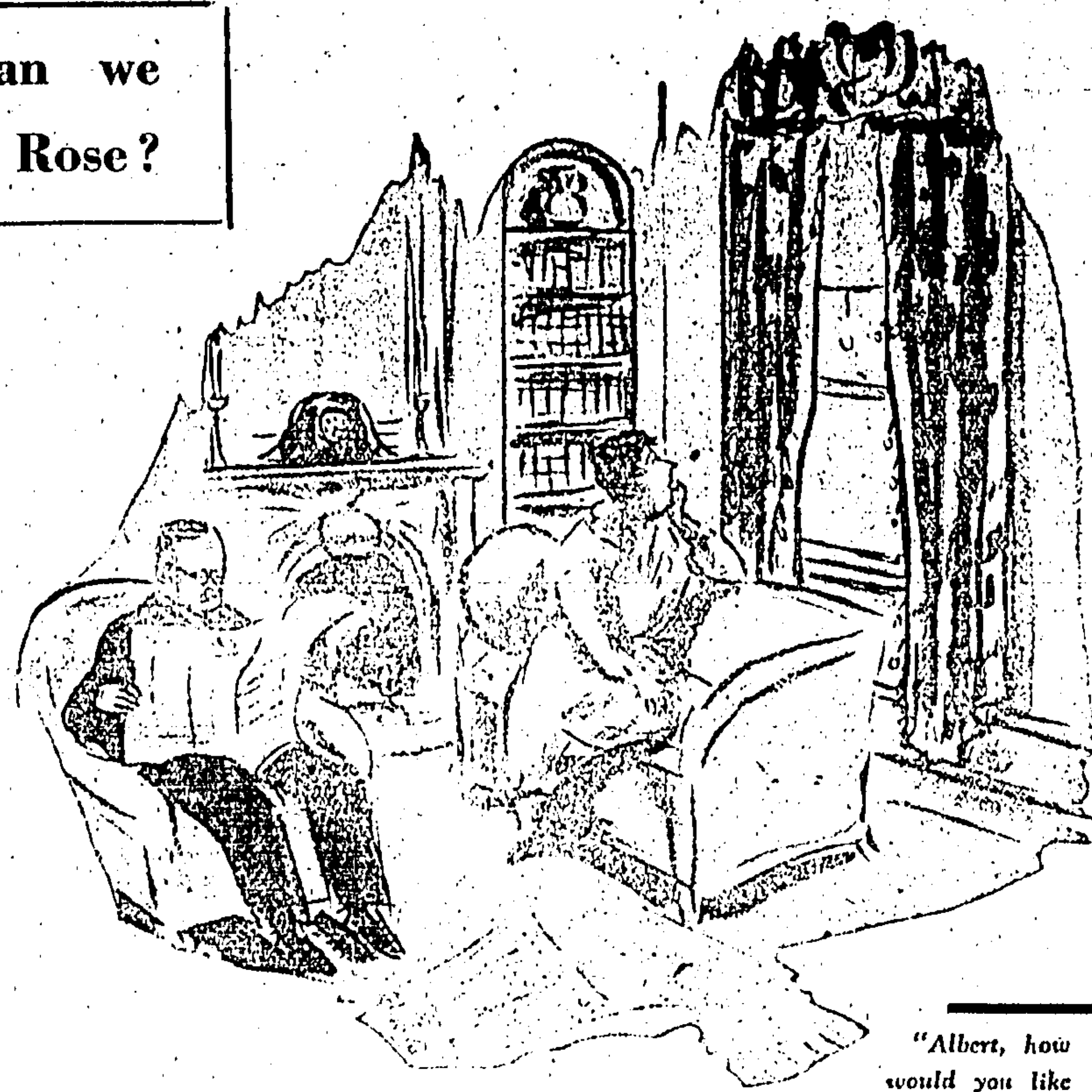
To-whit!
To-whit!—a merry note,
While greasy Joan doth keel
the pot.

When all about the wind doth
blow,
And coughing drowns the
parson's saw,
And birds sit brooding in the
snow,
And Marian's nose looks red
and raw,
When roasted crabs hiss in the
bowl,
Then nightly sings the staring
owl,

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the Special Areas for plant to extract oil from coal; the improvement of existing and the building of new bridges and harbours; improvement of communications in certain districts; settlement on the land for a number of families; the provision of special training for the unemployed; and "settlement in the British Empire overseas should be resumed as soon as possible." Meanwhile many undertakings for the improvement of the Special Areas have already been undertaken, but these are not generally considered adequate to the needs, and the Government therefore contemplates more comprehensive plans for dealing with the problem.



"Albert, how
would you like
me to give you
curtains this year?"

The Technique of giving presents

by

MOLLY
CASTLE

Answer is that they looked a lot for the money.

Some people hold that even better sport can be had in choosing a present for an enemy than choosing one for yourself. Enemies' presents come into the latter class only if the enemy has pride and can be guaranteed to post the present right back by the next mail. But it's a bit of a risk, this, and there is a better way.

Firms are very helpful about the enemy type of present. They fix up a lovely hollid box with mistletoe stuck through the bow so that the enemy is fooled for a moment into thinking she has got something. I know of a powerful disinfectant in the cunningest of little packages, and there is even a label which says "she could use this."

This is almost ideal, but perhaps less subtle than the wrong-coloured powder, a face cream on the list, A's to B, B's to C, and so on. That way you are left with your complete range of presents to yourself.

And if any one brings out any dirty remarks about the curiousness of coincidence you can give a knowing laugh, saying, "Wasn't it funny, C dear, I chose the very same present to send dear A as you gave to me." And unless C has marked the present in red ink the way you do when you send your home-caught pheasant to be plucked at the poulterer's, she can't prove a thing.

In this or similar ways there are some presents that have been going the rounds for years. These are often solid, expensive-looking presents that live most of their time in cupboards and only come out for weddings and Christmases. Gongs, or mola boxes, cloisonne vases and difficult parlour games which might be fun if any one could master the rules; come into this class. Like some hats you see out, you wonder how they came to be bought in the first place.

Believe me, it's the safest way. Give them a week early and see what happens. The recipient looks the present up and down and upside down, sniffs and says h'm, electro plate, not even silver. Well, they certainly don't get the radio set I'd promised. At the most a cocktail shaker.

Of course, if you had happened to buy a radiogram when

a gramophone record was all that was expected, two weeks before Christmas would not be too early to post. Then just sit back and wait, turn the other cheek, hold out the other hand.

However, the only time I can really advocate this last course, because, human beings being what they are, you can't be too careful, is when you are giving a Good Impression present. These have to be very carefully thought out and regarded purely as an investment. They must only be given to the person (or his wife and family) who has it in his power to give you a rise.

And don't think you can get away with putting a chain store present into a Bond-street box. Suppose they try to change it?

There used to be such presents. Bath salts, for instance. Such a handsome bottle, such a lot of bright-coloured crystals, such a big ribbon bow, and all for the price of a bar of soap. Yes, it was a good present once, but that was before sophistication set in. It's too late for that now. As far back as last Christmas I was at a party where one of the guests was carried away in hysterics caused by her sixth (and last) jar of bath crystals. Her voice, echoing up the lift shaft, proclaimed that in any case the doctor only let her use pine needles.

So far I have left out presents for children. Children are hard to fool, and most of the time they haven't even got good manners. They are not yet the little hypocrites they will be when you've finished with them.

For this reason it is better that they should be kept out of the way should your Good Impression present bring the Big Chief round to your home bearing, not the raise you had planned, but, instead, teddies for your little ones. It's not that children can't lie, it's that they won't do it in a good cause.

I remember painfully the awkward half-hour in my own household when I, at the age of five, was presented by a big business man with a flaxen-haired doll in a cardboard box. I laid the doll carefully aside and started chugging round the room with the box on the end of the string.

That story brings us right around from the art of giving presents to the art of receiving them. From it you will also perceive that I never was much good at it. And some one has just placed a bunchy-looking parcel on my desk, with some difficult-looking knots. When you come down to essentials, the interesting part of any present is the last knot.

The Last Of An Infamous Treaty Germany Has Had A Stirring Year

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Germany in 1936 removed all limitations of her sovereignty imposed upon her by the treaty of Versailles and took the lead in an international drive against Bolshevism.

On March 7, after preparations which had been kept secret, German troops marched into the Rhineland zone—an area having 14,500,000 inhabitants, comprising German territory and a line drawn 40 kilometers East of the Rhine, wherein Germany under the treaty of Versailles was forbidden to entertain armed forces. In the treaty of Locarno, Germany had voluntarily agreed to respect the demilitarized zone.

While German troops were marching into the Rhineland amid the wild enthusiasm of the population, the practically all-Nazi Reichstag sat in Berlin.

Hitler read a memorandum which was handed on the same day to the governments of the signatory powers of the Locarno treaty, announcing the military occupation of the Rhineland by Germany and giving the legal reasons why Germany considered herself justified in disregarding Locarno.

The memorandum referred to the violation of the Franco-Soviet treaty and recalled that the German government had long before notified the other signatories of the Locarno pact of its opinion that the Franco-Soviet pact was incompatible with the Locarno treaty.

"Germany," the memorandum said, "answered repeated German assurances of peaceful intentions and offers of friendship by concluding a military alliance with Soviet Russia, exclusively directed against Germany and violating the Locarno pact. The Locarno pact therefore lost its meaning and ceased to exist."

PROPOSED SEVEN POINTS

The memorandum, then, announced that Germany "restored military sovereignty in the Rhineland" and proposed seven points.

In these seven points, the German government declared its willingness 1. to enter negotiations about a demilitarized zone on both sides of Germany's western frontier, 2. to conclude a 25-year non-aggression pact with France and Belgium, 3. to recognize Britain and Italy as guarantors of that pact, 4. to include Holland as a partner, 5. to conclude a Western non-aggression pact, 6. to conclude non-aggression pacts with all of Germany's Eastern neighbours, 7. to return to the League of Nations, expressing the expectation that Germany's wishes regarding colonies and the separation of the League covenant from the treaty of Versailles would be fulfilled.

GREAT EXCITEMENT

The repudiation of the Locarno treaty caused great excitement in the Western countries. The League of Nations' council hurriedly met in London. On March 19, a memorandum was handed to the German government in which the signatories of the Locarno treaty proposed that the whole affair be submitted to the Hague court and that an international force should be stationed within the German border pending the settlement of the dispute.

Hitler met this move by a well-calculated popular demonstration. Elections to the Reichstag were held on March 26. Hitler personally led a hectic "electoral campaign" featuring almost exclusively the reoccupation of the Rhineland as the issue on which the German citizens were required to vote.

Since under German laws only one list of candidates—the National Socialist list—could be put forward, it was impossible to cast an adverse vote, the only way to express dissent was deliberately to make one's ballot invalid, there being no specification as to what would make a vote invalid.

Under these circumstances, the result of the poll was near unanimity. Out of 45,453,091 voters (Jews being for the first time excluded) 45,001 cast their ballots, only 50,211 votes being "against the list" and therefore invalid, and 44,951,278 or 99.8 per cent. of all votes cast being valid.

The German government answered the Locarno powers' memorandum on April 1, announcing that "it had received from the nations a solemn mandate empowering it to represent the Reich and the German people in two respects: Firstly, the German people is determined under all circumstances to defend its freedom, its independence, and its equal rights; secondly, the German people desires to co-operate in the great task of bringing about reconciliation and understanding among all European nations."

PROPOSALS REJECTED

The German memorandum rejected all proposals implying a limitation of German sovereignty, such as sending international troops into the Rhineland. The proposal to submit the affair to the Hague court was tacitly dismissed. On the other hand, the German answer foresaw a four-month period during which to settle the dispute by amicable negotiations; Germany undertook not to increase the strength of her troops in the Rhineland during this period.

The problem of concluding a new Western security pact replacing Locarno remained in the foreground throughout the year. Germany's position was based upon the principle that a new Western pact was possible only if Western powers guaranteed Western frontiers exclusively. Thus, Germany sought to separate the question of Western security from the troubled problems of Eastern

Europe; simultaneously, she challenged the Franco-Soviet treaty. Antagonism toward the Soviets more and more became the keynote of German policy.

RESIST BOLSHIEVISM

During the Nazi party congress of Nuremberg in September, Hitler and all important party leaders bitterly attacked Soviet Russia and stressed Germany's determination "to resist bolshevism wherever it shows itself." The civil war in Spain was especially cited as proof of the destructive tendencies of bolshevism. Germany morally rallied to the Nationalists although officially she adhered to non-intervention.

The German government's move against bolshevism received added impetus from the rapprochement between the two leading powers of fascism, Germany and Italy.

During the Ethiopian campaign, Germany refused to take part in sanctions against Italy. Economic co-operation between the two countries was soon followed by closer political contacts.

One of the most important causes of friction between Germany and Italy was removed on July 11, when the German and Austrian governments put an end to the continual strain between Berlin and Vienna.

GERMAN-ITALIAN UNDERSTANDING

Under the agreement, Germany recognized the full sovereignty of Austria; both governments declared that they would consider the internal regime existing in the two countries as being the exclusive concern of the respective governments; finally, the Austrian government pledged to base its policy upon the principle that "Austria is a German state."

Political co-operation between Germany and Italy was intensified when the Italian foreign minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, visited the Reich and conferred with Foreign Minister Baron Konstantin von Neurath and Chancellor Hitler in Berlin and Berchtesgaden between October 20th and 24th.

A protocol was drafted which, however, was not published. Count Ciano made an announcement outlining German-Italian understanding. According to this statement, Germany and Italy agreed as to the problem of a Western pact, non-intervention in Spain coupled with moral recognition for France, common stand against bolshevism, and Danubian problems. Germany recognized Italy's Ethiopian empire and Italy consented to let Germany co-operate in the economic exploitation of Ethiopia.

Throughout 1936, Germany continued her rearmament. On August 24, Hitler issued a decree raising the duration of military service from one year to two years. It was officially explained that this measure was necessitated by the Soviet's army reform, increasing the army's peace strength to 2,000,000.

Gay Melodies At Chinese Funerals To Be Banned

Shanghai, Dec. 17.—No longer will Chinese bands play "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night," "Dixie" and other merry tunes at funerals, if the New Life Movement has its way.

The practice among wealthy Chinese families of hiring bands which play the few numbers in their repertoire, regardless of their suitability to the occasion, has, in the opinion of the New Life leaders, resulted in grotesque performances and brought ridicule upon China.

Promulgation of new regulations for wedding and funerals by the Municipal authorities has been the first fruit of the drive. A campaign is now under way to extend the same set of rules to other cities of the country.

According to the new rules, both Chinese and western-style bands may be used either together or separately in wedding and funeral processions, but no more than two bands will be allowed in one procession. Some ostentatious funerals have boasted as many as twenty bands.

The tunes played, it is emphasised, must suit the occasion. For a funeral procession, only funeral tunes are to be played, and for weddings only wedding music. Popular tunes, heretofore used on all occasions and generally distorted beyond all recognition, are taboo.

Other regulations provide that: marchers in wedding and funeral corteges must wear uniforms made of native materials and must appear clean and orderly; hiring of beggars with smeared faces and bare feet to form part of the cortege is prohibited; no more than sixteen coffin-bearers shall be allowed; "superstitious" or "feudalistic" customs are forbidden, including the carrying of large paper images of gods, giant figures of animals, and idols.

The latter prohibitions, however, does not extend to the carrying of ancestral tablets, sedan-chairs, lanterns and banners with appropriate Chinese characters, an integral part of most processions.



An old, grey-haired broom-maker from a little town in the Swiss canton, Valais, en route to the market place. Evidently the descendants of William Tell have plenty of strength.

Japan's Isle of Mystery

PACIFIC ADVENTURE OF LORD MOYNE

A strange account of a visit to the islands of Palau, in the Pacific Ocean, now held by the Japanese under mandate from the League of Nations, is given by Lord Moyne in "Walkabout" published by William Heinemann, 18s.

Lord Moyne, with a party of friends, was on a voyage of exploration to New Guinea, Borneo, and other neighbouring territories early this year. Hoping to visit these mandated islands, Lord Moyne had secured facilities in advance from the Japanese Embassy before leaving London.

Yet when his yacht Rosaura arrived off Palau, he was refused permission to enter the harbour.

"In due course," he writes, "a launch-load of officials, arrived accompanied by an interpreter. They told me very politely that landing was not allowed. They knew nothing of the letter written three months previously, but when I produced a copy in Japanese, they said they would go in and ask for instructions."

Followed a wait of about six hours, and then the party was allowed to go ashore by launch.

"We were clearly not intended to see anything of any more serious harbour works," Lord Moyne continues, "as on landing we were taken into the town along a new embankment in motors which were awaiting us."

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"The town seemed brand new, with well-kept gardens round the Government buildings, and along the newly made roads were trim hedges and banks cut into neat grass steps. We were impressed by the size of the Government buildings and also by the well-stocked shops, and the large number of men of the Japanese Navy in the streets."

The party were absolutely forbidden to take photographs and, although treated with great courtesy, they were not encouraged to stay.

"We were puzzled by the attitude of the Japanese authorities," Lord Moyne concludes. "They are too intelligent a people to make mysteries about nothing, and their attitude was well designed to make us wonder just what it is that they wish to hide."

This fascinating volume is the first detailed account of Lord Moyne's successful search for the tribe of light-skinned pygmies inhabiting the Alohe Mountains of New Guinea. In addition, the party collected no fewer than 10 creatures which had never been seen previously at the London Zoo.

The value of the book to all interested in ethnology is greatly enhanced by an introduction to the volume written by Dr. A. C. Haddon, while in an appendix Dr. A. J. E. Cave discusses some of the human skulls which were collected. The book is beautifully illustrated by a series of 108 plates, consisting mainly of photographs taken by Lady Broughton in the course of the journey.

CORRESPONDENCE

Street Football

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Undoubtedly the Traffic Police should have received frequent complaints about schoolboys utilising Ghenley as their football grounds, much to the detriment of pedestrians who often get hit by the ball and have to return home for a change of clothes. When complaints are made to the police, they generally receive attention, but the moment that vigilance is relaxed for the sake of more important duties, the boys start the nuisance once again.

Conditions are such these days that it appears that one seems to encourage others not to be afraid of the pedestrians and in fact they seem to enjoy the embarrassment of

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

There will be many topical illustrations in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Pictorial Supplement, including several pictures of the Royal Welch Fusiliers' gymkhana at Kwanti.

The presentation of "The Boat-Girl Bride" by students of Bellis Public School will figure amongst the illustrations, and there will also be pictures of the children's sports at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Groups will include the officers of the 2nd Battalion East Lancashire, and the Prefects of King's College. There will also be several wedding groups, as well as a photograph taken at Sir Robert Ho Tung's party to President Manuel Quezon.

The results of last week's Children's Competition will be given, as well as details of a new contest for the kiddies.

pedestrians endeavouring the escape being hit. They furthermore seem to adopt that attitude through force of numbers in that should a pedestrian get him and try to obtain satisfaction their numbers would be able to add insult to injury.

It is, of course, hard to have to ask that they be stopped the use of a temporary playground but with all the playgrounds available in Hongkong, it is a shame to allow pedestrians to be molested by being hit by footballs. Should they even have the courtesy of stopping awhile when pedestrians pass by, then it would be another case altogether, but they believe in being in large groups and are ready to show combined antagonism the moment that a pedestrian should protest. If the police cannot have control over them unless the police have a fixed and continuous watch there, then it would become the magistrates to make one or two exemplary nominal fines, which should have a very sound effect. One never knows when a pedestrian might be in a bad mood and after continuous provocation take the law upon himself and then of course he would have to pay recompense.

Discussed.

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7 p.m. A Variety Programme.

Song—Cuckoo in the wood.

Friedl Lusser (tenor); Orchestra.

Follow the Fleet—Selection.

Antony and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra; Song—There's magic in the air.

Lillian Harvey (Soprano); Orchestra—Romance in moonlight.

Alfredo Campoli and his Orchestra; Song—Mary Rose.

Grace Fields; Orchestra—Black Eyes.

Maurice Igou and his Nomad Orchestra; Piano Solo—Piano Medley, No. 119.

Charlie Kunz; Humorous—Tap your toes.

Jack Hulbert; Orchestra—Round a Gipsy Camp Fire.

Man-tovani and his Tipica Orchestra.

7.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.45 p.m. Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.

La Bohème—Fantasia (Puccini, arr. Tavan); I want your heart (Haydn Wood); Gipsy Moon (Bor-gonoff); Bird songs at eventide (Eric Coates); I bring a love song (Romberg); Cuba Serenade (Midgley); Marchen (de Leur).

8 p.m. Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Richard Crooks (tenor); Stuart Robertson (bass-baritone) and Renee Chemet (Vio-lin).

Tenor Solo—Kathleen Mavourneen (Crawford); Violin Solos—Serenade (Toselli); Serenade (Pierne); Baritone Solo—Bright is the ring of words (Williams); Tenor Solos—Springtime reminds me of you (Rottet and Jur-man); My sunshine is you (Stolz); Baritone Solos—In Summer time on Dredon (Pech); Sea Fever (Ireland).

8.30 p.m. London—B. B. C. Dance Orchestra.

9 p.m. London—News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m. London—The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the Opening Day's Play, by Alan Kippax. From Sidney (Electrical Recording).

9.35 p.m. A Classical Programme.

Choral—"Mass in B Minor" (Bach)—No. 10, Canticor... Philharmonic Choir.

Trio From "The Musical Offering" (Bach)... Italian Trio.

String Orchestra—Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B Flat Major (Bach).

Pianoforte—Sonata in E Flat Major, Op. 81A ("Les Adieux"), (Beethoven)... Wilhelm Backhaus.

10 p.m. London—Big Ben.

10.30 p.m. Military Band Music.

With Ina Souez (Soprano).

Band—"Swan Lake"—Ballet (Chukovsky); Soprano Solos—Love will find a way (Fischer-Simsone); My Hero (Strange and O. Strauss); Band—Air varie sur un theme Suisse (Mohr); Band—The Flamboyant Sword Dance—Folk Dance (Sharp); The Kiribiki Malzeard Sword Dance—Folk Dance (Sharp); Soprano Solos—Always (Dyrenforth and Smith); Love, give your love all (Bowden and Besly); Band—The "Champion" March Medley (arr. S. Ord Hume).

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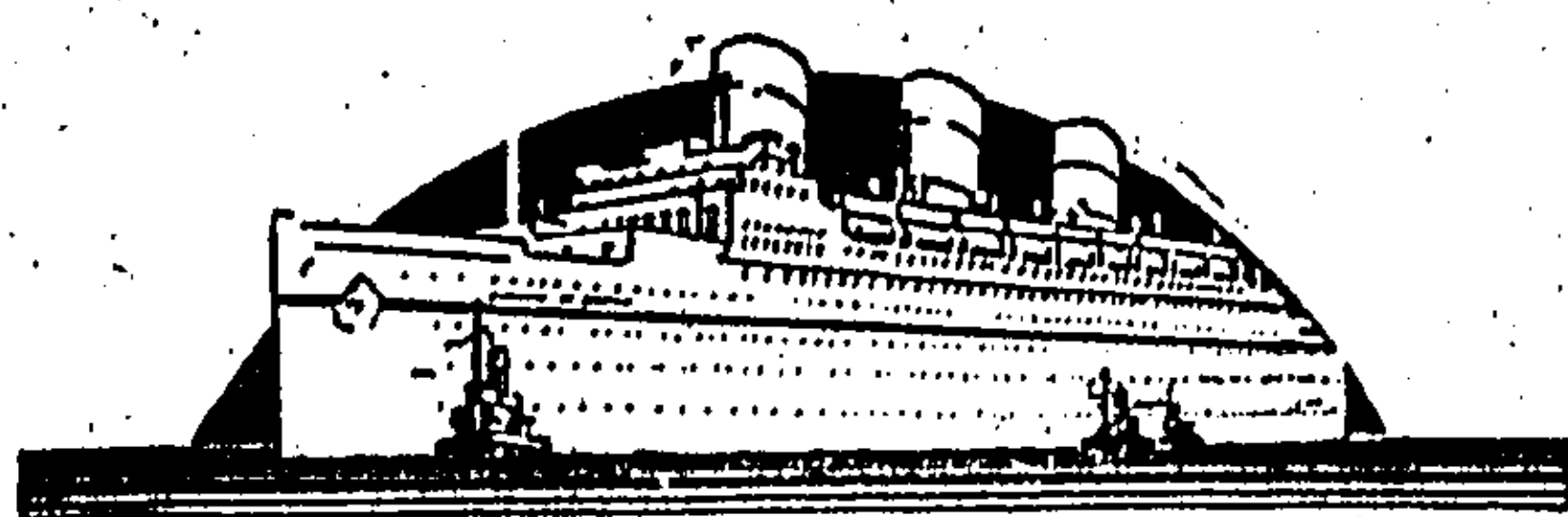
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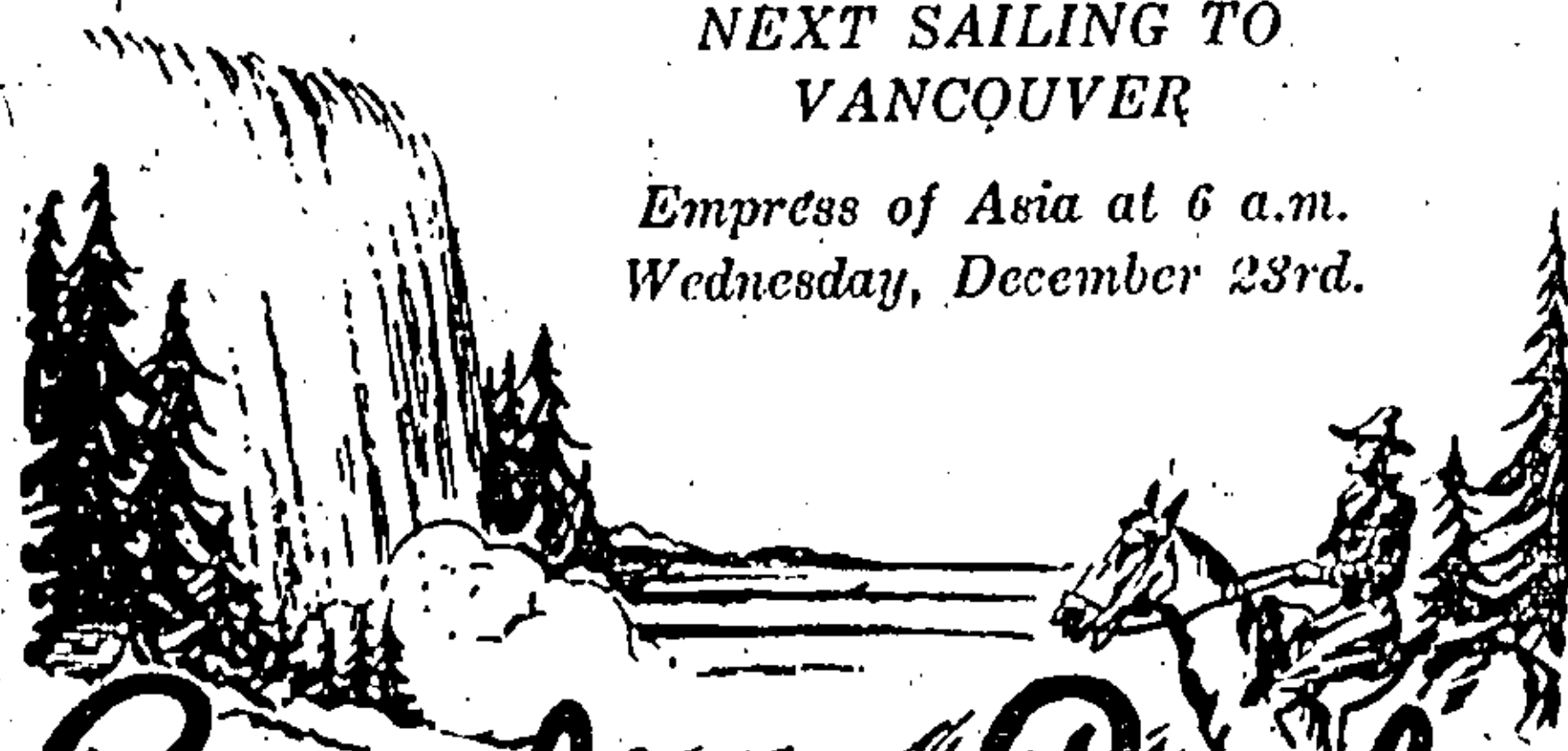
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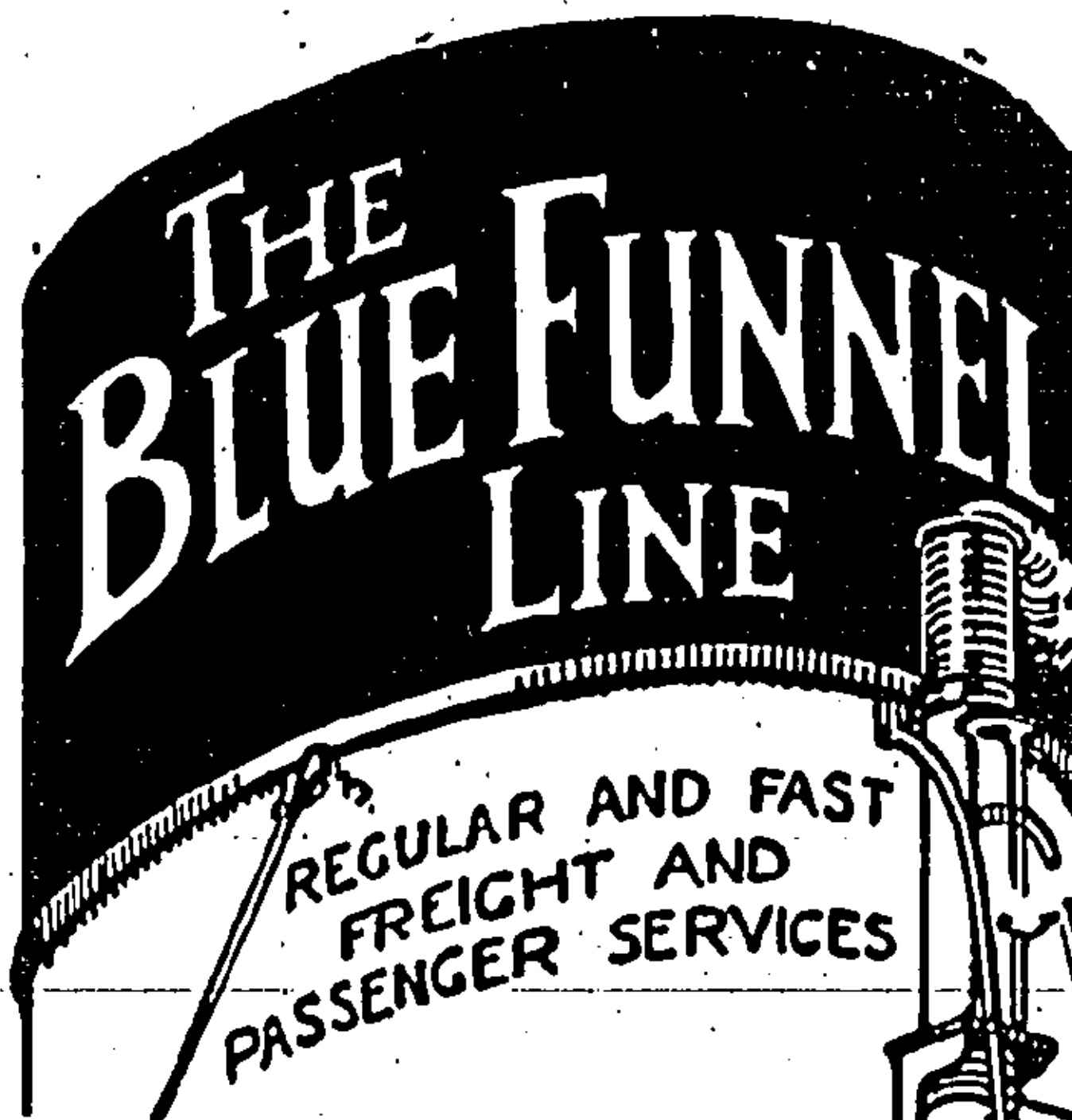
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They are not co-operative societies as we know them in this country. They are bands of men and women who are tired of living in discarded concrete sewer pipes, watching food rot in the ground because "it does not pay" to gather it, houses turn into hovels because there is no money to pay for necessary repairs and skill and knowledge and usefulness refused an outlet because they are unemployed.

In effect they have returned to a system of barter, exchanging their labour directly for a proportion of the fruits of their labour and sharing it equitably amongst themselves, without the exchange of money.

You need something done, but you can't afford to pay for it. These co-operators will do it, if you will give them something they need (either goods for immediate consumption or tools for other jobs) which you can't sell because your neighbours or customers are similarly hard up.

It is not always simple in complicated societies such as ours. But, if you have the will and can persuade people to take your credit—that is, to believe you will do what you promise and that what you suggest is a reason-

BOOKS of FICTION

Reviewed by Roger Pippett

able bargain—it can be made to work. Of course, there is opposition. You have to pick your way between vested interests and established traders. There is likely to be internal dissension between those who want to go fast and those who want to go slow, those who are adventurous and those who are timid.

Upton Sinclair paints no Utopia and advocates no panacea for all economic ills in this book. In fact, he ends on a questioning and topical note. Government schemes are cutting across the work of the co-operatives and driving their members back on to idleness and relief. His hero goes to the White House and tells his story to the President.

"Quite a decision for the President of the United States to make. . . . Should he let the unemployed get hold of the land and the tools and set

to work to build themselves a new world, with new freedom and independence for all workers? Should he permit them to make a demonstration of the fact that they could do such a job and that they wanted to? "It was very, very dangerous in the eyes of everyone who believed in the profit system and thought it could be patched and kept going. . . . What was Franklin D. Roosevelt doing to answer?"

Whether or not you think these co-operatives can build a new and better economic system, this book does give the lie to those who think there is nothing to be done but despair. We have got into a mess, and we can get out of it if we are really determined. One way or another, it has got to be done.

DEAN into DOG

MY TALKS WITH DEAN SPANLEY

By Lord Dunsany
 (Helmman, 5s.)

LORD DUNSANY is going to the dogs. There is no doubt about it. In fact, he has already gone.

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The right amount of the right wine

and the Dean, who had been a dog in a previous life, would begin to give this sort of advice: "Always go out of a room first; get to the door the moment it's opened. You may not get another chance for a long time."

A little more and he travelled farther along the road of his memories and gave thrilling accounts of hunting rabbits, the advisability of burying bones, the different methods of chasing traction engines, horses and cows, the habit cats have of climbing trees, the need for letting the moon know it is being kept an eye on, the correct thing to say when you come home very late after having been out all day long and many other matters of interest to dogs and dog lovers.

Lord Dunsany threatens that if any doubt is cast on the truth of these talks with Dean Spanley he will not publish his investigations into the Origins of the Mentality of Certain Serious Persons. So beware, you solemn scoffers. When he speaks, let no dog bark.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Gerald Hollingsworth Bond, architect, residing at Dina House, and Miss Bridget Marion Lockhart-Smith, nursing sister, of Kowloon Hospital; Mr. Paul Eragg, motor sales manager, residing at 11 Knutsford Terrace, and Miss Audrey Winsel, secretary, of 23a, Cameron Road.

BREVITIES

PRELUDE TO CHRISTOPHER, by Eleanor Dark (Collins, 7s. 6d.) The dilemma of a eugenicist married to a woman in whose family there is a strain of madness. Fear and the tension of their relationship finally bring about the dreaded overbalance. A haunting, brilliant tale.

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PREPARING FOR SHANGHAI VISIT TEAMS CHOSEN

The first ladies Interport hockey trial will take place on Sunday morning, when a match between Whites and Colours will be played on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, bully-off at 10 o'clock.

The following teams have been selected.

Colours—Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Burke and Miss A. Fowler; Mrs. Silva, Miss E. Thomson and Miss J. Lakeman; Miss O. Dale, Miss M. Rosa, Mrs. Read, Miss M. Smith and Miss Westcott.

Whites—Mrs. Lumsden, Miss E. Gray and Miss J. Smalley; Miss J. Humphreys, Miss J. Wong and Miss K. Glover; Miss R. Blackmore, Miss W. Marsh, Mrs. Donald, Mrs. Marvin and Miss D. Hunt.

CHARITY FOOTBALL

England's Team Is Selected

FOR BOXING DAY MATCH

The team to represent England against China in the International Charity Cup match on the Club ground on Boxing Day was announced this morning as follows.

Crocker (Navy); Swain (E. Lanes) and Wolverson (Navy); North (Police), Bliss (Kowloon), Captain, and E. Strange (Club); F. Fowler (Club), Sandford (E. Lanes), A. Smith (Navy), D. Knox (Kowloon) and Bickford (Club).

Reserves—S. Strange (Club), Wilde (Navy), Wolf (Navy), Forrow (Club) and Elliott (Club). The team will play in white, and players are requested to be ready by 3.15 p.m.

FOORD-PETERSEN BOMBSHELL

JANUARY FIGHT NOT TITULAR

The British Boxing Board of Control refuse to recognize the proposed contest between Ben Foord (the holder) and Jack Petersen as being for the British and Empire heavy-weight championships.

This bombshell has been dropped into the camp of Sydney Hulls, the promoter, who had matched Foord and Petersen for a return contest which he hoped to stage at Harringway Arena, probably on January 18.

MUST BEAT FARR FIRST

The Stewards, subsequent to Petersen's defeat by Foord at Leicester on August 17, had nominated the Welsh heavy-weight champion, Tommy Farr—conqueror of Ed. Venstob, Tommy Loughran, Bob Olin and Jimmy Wilde—as the logical contender for Foord's titles.

They have no intention of going back on that decision and declare that Petersen must meet and beat Farr before he can attempt to recover his lost championship from Foord.

Mr. Syd Hulls, when informed of the decision, said: "The fight will go on. It will be under championship conditions—15 three-minute rounds." Mr. Lou Walsh, Foord's manager, said: "We will meet Petersen on any terms—championship or not. But I want Petersen to prove who is the better man."

FARR "OVERJOYED"

Farr said: "That is grand. I have longed for this for years, and I am overjoyed. To oppose Petersen, to prove who is the best Welsh heavy-weight will be my life's satisfaction."

Petersen said: "Of course, I shall go on with the Foord fight as a non-title contest. I have other fights in hand, but if I can fix Farr in between I shall be only too pleased to do so." I know Harvey had to meet Phillips in an eliminator before he fought me, but that is no business of mine."

Interporters In The Making



The Central British School football and cricket teams contain several players of distinct promise, and both teams have excellent records to date this season. These pictures taken recently, show the two school elevens. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

Clubhouse Chatter

By "Veritas"

Freeman Said To Be Reinstated

EX-READING PLAYER ASSISTS H. K. F. A.

THE first intimation we received about A. P. Freeman's severance with the Kent County Cricket Club was to the effect that the "Little Giant" had retired because his health was failing. This week from London came an entirely different story. Freeman had been "sacked", with the promise of a £250 bonus and a year's wages to lessen the blow. Now another development has just reached me. Freeman has been reinstated for another year and will play for Kent next summer. I do not know what has led the K.C.C.C. to revise their original decision; possibly public opinion which undoubtedly reacted unfavourably against such obviously cavalier treatment of one of the most popular men in the game of cricket. But admirers of "Tich", whether in England, Hongkong or elsewhere, will be delighted to know that his cricketing days have not yet ended, and we shall wait with confidence to hear of his continued achievements with the ball.

Ex-Reading Player

Helps H.K.F.A.

SOME sixteen years ago, a quietly spoken, aesthetically-looking young man walked into the board room of an important football club in the West of England, cheerfully said "Good morning, Mr. Chadwick", signed on the dotted line, and became there and then a professional player for Reading. For one season only he survived, and that, not in its entirety, for a very serious injury left him permanently incapacitated and cut short a highly promising career. That young man (or rather, is now) Sergeant D. G. Carter of the Army Pay Corps, stationed in Hongkong and recently appointed Assistant Secretary to the Hongkong Football Association. I had a happy chat with Mr. Carter

the other day, for I too happen to owe some allegiance to the City of Biscuits and Grass Seeds, and we were both able to recall those old Southern League days when clever Harry Chadwick was manager of the Reading team and had with him players of the Bailey and Evans calibre. Mr. Carter has not kicked a ball since he suffered that injury which necessitated a serious operation and a prolonged stay in hospital. But his interest in the game has not flagged one whit, and that interest to-day is taking the practical form of assisting the Hongkong Football Association. Incidentally Mr. Carter's explanation of why he "could never become a referee" as he puts it, is, at least original. "The trouble is", he said, "having played the game so much I always find myself anticipating things, and sometimes my anticipation isn't quite true. For instance I put myself in the players' places and immediately assume that a certain thing will result from a certain movement. Up goes the whistle to my lips and I blow, only to find, very often, that it hasn't worked out that way. Incidentally this isn't just theory. Mr. Carter used to try his hand at "ref-ing" and discovered that he was doing this very thing.

Goalkick Or Goal?

AN hour after the first edition of the Telegraph was on the streets yesterday, I received a telephone call. Said my caller: "About that knotty football point, you published to-day concerning the ball being kicked on to a referee and going into the goal for which the referee bounced the ball, while the F. A. said it should have been a goalkick, I don't think you have got it quite right. The correct decision is a GOAL!" Well, I don't mind admitting I was pretty sceptical, though not having the rules right at my elbow I couldn't attempt to argue the point. But I later looked it up, and found that apparently my telephone caller based his affirmation on the strength of Law 4, section three which reads: "The ball is in play if it touches the referee or a linesman when in the field of play. To this there is an annotation in the Referee's Chart which says: 'The ball touching the referee or a linesman when he is in the field of play' (Continued on Page 13.)

BEAR CLAW, ROSE EVELYN & STRATHROY ARE THE LIKELY WINNERS

MR. D. BLACK SHOULD BE CHAMPION JOCKEY

There will be no more flat racing after to-morrow when the last Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be staged. Happy Valley. The first Saddington will be rung at the usual time 1.30 p.m., sharp. We will then have to exercise patience until the Annual Carnival in February and I sincerely hope that during the interval I shall be able to assist the potential winners of the 1937 Valley Stakes, the Blue Riband and the Hooley Hill Derby.

There are, however, the usual eight events on the card including three Autumn champions confined to old China ponies, subscription griffins of this year and the Australian colts of any season. It would give a false colouring should I attempt to suggest that there will be no opposition in these three events, but the convincing manner, in which Mrs. Dunbar's Bear Claw, Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Evelyn and Mr. Macgregor's Strathroy annexed the St. Leger run less than a month ago, argues very much in favour of their chances for duplicating these successes in the Autumn champions. I have no hesitation in saying that it must be a first class animal to deprive any of the three named of the first position in the frames.

If there was such a thing as a "dead cert" then there would be no racing owing to the poor dividends, but, I wonder how many punters ever attempted to count the amount of odds against a racer in a field of a dozen starters over a mile and under. We must not overlook that our track is an oval course with barely more than a 300 yards straight finish. We will, however, just consider only a few, such as a bad draw and a bad start, then the impossibility of getting out of the rack when coming down the hill, or a cross, loose, or any act on the part of the jockey when entering the straight for the home. This in no way takes away the fact that the element of luck plays an important part in the ultimate result and these glorious uncertainties which add to the joys of racing are the medium of attracting spectators.

I do not propose at this juncture to review the 1936 racing season, but it must be admitted that the Hongkong Jockey Club has had a very successful year and the Stewards and the officials have carried out their duties to the entire satisfaction not only to the members but to the public well. The curtain will be dropped to-morrow and let us hope that its rising in February next will mean the eclipse of previous years' racing with more thrills and excitement.

I am not prepared to accept a wager, but I have strong reason to believe that Mr. D. Black will be champion jockey of the year and there will be a good race between Messrs. D. Black and H. C. Pih for the second honour. Mr. Black has one win more than his nearest rival Mr. H. C. Pih, while the former is almost assured of a winning mount on Strathroy and the latter has to pilot two ponies to victory to equal Mr. Black. This is not an easy proposition for Mr. Pih.

The main aspect of this meeting is that many ponies of different classes have been named to give other steady chances of making a few dollars to provide for their upkeep, and under the circumstances several public "idols" will not be seen in action. The fields will be on the small side.

PONTIAC BAY LOOKS GOOD

TO WIN OPENING EVENT

The opening event, the December Handicap over a mile, has drawn only seven entries and it seems certain that New Star and Tyne will not accept.

Wild Life, who was in a better class before, will make her first appearance among the "B" raters and her running will be watched with interest. She has been asked to concede seven pounds to Bright View, while the latter has to give a stone to King's Sceptre who will be ridden by Mr. Norman Deltz. Mr. Pearce's candidate has been under a cloud for some little while, but should the mare be able to reproduce her big meeting form, she will be dangerous.

When they last met in the Shum Chun Handicap (first section) run on November 21, Bright View, who won the event by three lengths, was giving two pounds to the third pony Pontiac Bay, whereas to-morrow the latter has a pull of almost a stone and Pontiac Bay, I understand, will be looked after by Mr. Ip Kuei-ying, who has never ridden the mare before. The new union, if agreeable, should win.

Queensland Autumn Champions

FIVE LIKELY STARTERS

Sir Victor Sassoon's Holiday Eve is ineligible for the Queensland Autumn champions confined to Australian ponies, for the mare has not won a race during the Extra Meetings, while of the "Old Brigade" Australian Boy, Derby Day, Halcyon, Racing Hero, and Snowy River are eligible but I doubt whether they will weigh out.

A Grand Time, Centre Court, Double Finesse, Electron, Honey, Perfect Day, Ranger, Strathroy, Tim-smith and Violet Queen, were all winners at the Extra Meetings, but I hear on good authority that only Centre Court, Electron, Perfect Day, Ranger and Strathroy will face the start. Mr. Davis, who had a nasty accident at Fanling last Sunday, will not be riding to-morrow and I have not heard who is going to pilot Ranger.

I cannot advocate the claims of any pony to beat Strathroy, while Electron should fill the second position and there should be a good fight between Perfect Day and Ranger for the third prize stake-money. Mr. Macgregor, who returned to Mr. Colony last week from home, will certainly find Strathroy a different cob.

FASCINATING PROBLEM

TO SPOT WINNER OF THE TARDY HANDICAP

On account of the conditions imposed, the Tardy Handicap for "C" class over a mile has drawn only eight competitors, but the allotment of weights has presented a fascinating problem to find the winner owing to the merging of two sections into one.

King's Bounty holds the post of honour with the top limit while Soldier of China has to shoulder 101 lbs. and New Star is to carry 154 lbs. The second named pony was third in the first section of Grifflin Handicap at the last meeting while New Star won the second section. The weight adjuster considers that Soldier of China is 7 lbs. better than New Star and we will see how this will work out to-morrow. On the handicap, Valorous is certainly cheap at the bottom of the ladder together with High Honour and these two should be backed \$5, each way.

SUB-GRIFFINS CHAMPIONS

ROSE EVELYN IS FAVOURED

We all saw Wild Cat turning the tables twice on Rose Evelyn in the Tytam Handicap (A division) and the Sub-griffins Autumn Plate, but this little lady was conceding weights on both occasions and it was a different story when they encountered on level terms in the St. Leger run last month. However, Mr. Eu Tong-sen's roan mare is in fine fettle and I am extremely confident that Rose Evelyn will pass the wire first in the Hongkong Autumn Sub-griffins Champions run 1½ miles to be followed by Wild Cat and Gold Sovereign, the last to be ridden by Mr. H. M. Pih who returned from the North last week. It is reliably learned that Stopwatch will face the start.

Race For The Unlucky Jockeys

BRINGS SEASON TO CLOSE

The last flat race of the season will be the Finale Plate confined to our last line of defence over six furlongs and this event will be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. This is not a handicap event, but the weight to be carried (as imposed by the Racing Committee) is to be 10 lbs. under the scale for inches and jockeys will have an extra two pounds penalty for each race won. All the present novices have very few wins to their credit and therefore all the runners

HONGKONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

Bear Claw Is Nominated TO WIN THE BIG RACE

The Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies over 1½ miles will be the best race of the day and with the absence of Liberty Day, more interest will, I am sure, be animated in the event.

The failure of Liberty Day to start in two races after the recess was not an oversight, but due to a sporting gesture on the part of Mr. L. Dunbar to give others a chance and this must be appreciated by all the owners. It is learned from a reliable source that Mr. Dunbar will be represented by two worthy aspirants and there is good reason to believe that Mr. Leo Frost will ride Bear Claw while Mr. Donald Black will take out Diana Bay who has several Spring champions to her credit.

Mr. Norman Deltz has been booked to guide King's Warden while Mr. Raymond Pih will be on Soldier of China and Mr. Pih is to have the choice of Herod or Gladiator.

It will be seen that the field is a classy one and it may be safely said that a good race is assured to the public.

Let me start in saying that all ten steeds are well tuned to concert pitch and this should put punters on their metal. It is no use backing a pony unless one has the courage of one's own convictions and I for one am very sweet on Bear Claw. The opposition is, to the best of my belief, King's Warden and Mr. Pearce's stallion must not at any rate be discounted.

We all know that Diana Bay had the pleasure of passing the finishing line by three lengths ahead of King's Warden in the Mount Parker Handicap at this run on May 2, but at that time the gentleman in charge of the lead considered the latter to be ten pounds a better pony, whereas to-morrow Diana Bay and King's Warden will meet on the basis of weight for inches. It will be recalled that at this time last year King's Warden did not seem to have much trouble to dispose of Gladiator and Soldier of Britain in the same event now under discussion, but I am afraid this grey stallion will meet his Waterloo to-morrow.

It is interesting to recall that Bear Claw has never weighed out together with King's Warden and therefore it is impossible to "get a line" on these two runners. Soldier of Britain, who annexed this classic in 1934, was running among a moderate class and his chances for the main event are not rosy.

SECOND LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE

Is On The Dilatory Handicap

The second leg of the daily double will be on the penultimate event, the Dilatory Handicap, for "D" class raters over a mile. Pride of Tsin-tao was badly left in the Comrie Handicap at the last meeting and as a result it appears to me that the weight controller has not thought fit to give any allowance for the poor display. I have not been able to ascertain who is going to ride this old warrior, but he is dangerous, as are Diogenes and Laughing Buddha.

I hate to say but it looks to me that poor old Racing Boy has seen his best days though I understand this charger will weigh out with Mr. Choy Wing-chiu, who, I am sure, will take the advantage of 5 lbs. jockey allowance. To those who can afford a five dollar bid, the investment is not pure speculation. Cavalcade ran a good race as a pace-maker right up to the rock at the last meeting and I have a strong feeling that he will be a menace to the rest of the field.

will have very light weight to carry. I am told that King's Parade, who has got his discharge from the "mounted section" of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps to participate in the race, is looking very well and the real danger, of course, is from Cassius and Shamrock, both speedy merchants. Popular Star has been training in the dark and she should not be ignored.

Capt. Foster Reviews Prospects

THE BIGGEST FIELD IN LAST CHANCE HANDICAP HARD TO PICK WINNER

The biggest field of the meeting will be seen in the Last Chance Handicap over a mile for Australian ponies of any season that have won less than \$1,250 in stakes since January 1, and it is more than likely we shall have over ten starters. At the last meeting, Holiday Eve (157 lbs.) was second in the Coogee Handicap "A" class while Double Finesse carrying 159 lbs. captured the Hotham Handicap "B" standard. It may be remembered that the latter's time was better than the "A" class event. The adjustment of the avoidupus shows that Double Finesse has the advantage of three pounds though one would think that it should be the reverse. However, we will leave it at that.

In perusing the list of entries, I notice that there are six old ponies against seven youngsters of this season and it is interesting to relate that the heaviest burden to be carried by the former is 150 lbs. which will be shouldered by both Bag Tor and Snowy River. Holiday Eve has been given 165 lbs. while Double Finesse has 162 lbs. and Hercules has to tip the scale at 155 lbs. It seems that the old cobs have lost a certain amount of their speed and energy and to-morrow is their last chance to show their true colours. Incidentally the first leg of the daily double is on this race.

Saucy Fats, the present holder of one mile record, has been kindly treated with only 147 lbs., while Bobolink Star, who holds the record time for six furlongs, has not more than 145 lbs. Racing Heart, whose fastest time from the two mile post once round and back was 10.1, has 137 lbs. It will be seen that these three are well in the handicaps (arc owners satisfied?) and I cannot, as yet, make up my mind how to vote.

FRENCH AND BRITISH RUGGER BREACH

More Talk of Healing Heard in Paris

London, Nov. 24. There is more talk in Paris of a healing of the breach between French and British Rugby authorities.

A case has been made out to show that France has been "betrayed" house," that veiled professionalism has been banished along with rough play. The "rough play" stipulation from this side is one that need not be stressed.

A Parisian on the "inside" of French Rugby says that hidden professionalism is still rife, and that other causes which led the home unions to break off playing relations have yet to be removed.

France's conception of the game, the style of play, and the method of refereeing remains at variance with the British, he says.

A "CLEAN-UP" DEMANDED

CONTINENTAL VIEW OF ICE HOCKEY

Berlin. A "clean-up" of National Ice Hockey teams is being demanded by Switzerland and Germany, and the request will be put on the agenda of the international meeting in London in February.

Switzerland maintains that all Canadians living in Great Britain should be declared professionals, while Germany suggests players competing in European championships should not only be born in the country they represent, but should also have learned to play ice hockey in Europe.

ENGLAND'S GREAT 1911-12 TEST TRIUMPH IN AUSTRALIA

FOUR MATCHES WON AFTER LOSING THE FIRST

J.W.H.T. DOUGLAS AS CAPTAIN

(By R. Abbit)

Since the publication of my last article a friend of mine, who has a very fine cricket library which makes me break the Tenth Commandment every time I think of it, has kindly lent me a copy of the 1913 Wisden. It seems that the volume was that of Wisden's Jubilee as the almanac was first published in 1874. I might state for the benefit of those humorously minded that I unfortunately omitted to buy a copy of the first number.

On paper the Australians seemed to have a tremendously strong side as of the new-comers very great things were expected of Dr. H. V. Hordern, W. J. Whitty, R. B. Minnett and C. Kellaway. Of these Hordern and Minnett played in all five Test matches. The former did excellently, while the latter was useful with the bat. Kellaway was an opening bat in the first four Test matches in which he played alone and with an average of 22.12 did not do so badly, but Whitty, who had been expected to do great things with his inswingers, proved very innocuous against England and his three wickets in the first two Test matches cost 61.66 apiece. The remaining seven players were all old hands, perhaps in one or two cases a little too old. Collier had lost the extra bit of pace that had made him so dangerous.

As a matter of fact the real weakness of the Australians will be seen from a glance at the Australian bowling averages. Of the 74 wickets which fell Hordern took 32 for 24.27 apiece while Collier's 12 cost him 45.60. The balance of the wickets were divided between the other eight bowlers, and Armstrong, who had bowled so well in England, only got nine for 37.11.

If you turn to the English bowling seven bowlers only were tried, and practically all the wickets fell to F. R. Foster (32 for 21.62), S. F. Barnes (34 for 22.88) and J. W. H. T. Douglas (15 for 23.00). Those three bowlers really carried England through to victory. On many occasions they performed the remarkable feat of getting rid of the extremely strong Australian side on a perfect wicket for a very small score.

Again the games started in a manner which was suggested by what was to come in the future. Douglas was in charge owing to Warner's illness and neither he nor the side had shaken down. The victory in the first Test was won partly by good batting but partly by the excellent bowling of Hordern. The Englishmen had not met his googlies before and he had the better of them this time, though he never again was able to establish an ascendancy.

In the first innings Australia on a good wicket made 44 runs. Trumper made 113 but he was slow and he was by no means the Trumper of old. Minnett made a very fine 60 and all the rest got a few. George Gunn and C. P. Mead failed completely, but fine innings by J. W. Hearn, F. R. Foster and E. Woolley enabled England to take 316. In the Australian second innings nearly everybody again made runs and 308 was the total although 70 was the highest score. Douglas made the mistake of starting with himself and Foster. Instead of starting with Foster and Foster, but was a mistake he never repeated. England fought hard. George Gunn made a fine 62, but Australia never looked like losing and in the end won by 146 runs.

THE SECOND TEST

It was not surprising to find that Australia played the same team in the second Test at Melbourne. The first had been played at Sydney by the way. Australia won the toss and went in and Barnes proceeded to bowl on a good wicket five overs of which four were maidens, one run being scored off the other. During these overs Barnesley played on, Hill was clean bowled, Kellaway lbw, and Armstrong caught at the wicket. Four of the best bats gone for eleven runs on a plumb pitch! It says much for the courage of Australian batsmen that the innings totalled 104. Hordern, yet another great all-rounder, made an excellent 40 not out and Ranford got 43 before he was caught at the wicket off Hitt.

Hobbs failed in the first innings and but for a stubborn 114 by J. W. Hearn (the baby of the side) England would not have enjoyed the lead of 81 they had. In the second knock Armstrong got 90 and numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 all scored well and they set England 219 to get out. Hobbs took 126 not out and the runs were knocked off for two wickets.

It shows the "pleasant terms" the countries were on when we read that Warner, who was well enough to watch the game from a long chair in the pavilion managed to get out on Monday to have a look at the wicket and, on being recognised, was frantically cheered by the crowd.

ANOTHER SHOCK

England's easy win at Melbourne must have shaken the Australians who had not thought the visitors so good. For the next match at Adelaide they dropped Whitty for Matthews, a bowler much thought of in Australia who never came off against the English though in 1912 he was to do a double hat-trick against the South Africans.

Australia again batted on a plumb pitch and the disaster was worse than before. This time F. R. Foster, got going and took 5 for 30, and the innings totalled 133.

England made 501—Hobbs 187. Again a situation to call for all the Australians' pluck and again they rose to it. They totalled 470 without a single century! Carter showed some of his old form and made 72. England, however, won easily by seven wickets.

It is but fair to mention however that in the first knock Ranford (No. 4) damaged his thumb and could only bat again at the end, while in the second Trumper had a crooked knee and went in last.

THE RUBBER GAME

Australia could not afford to lose the fourth Test, but they stuck to the same side, but Douglas won the toss and put Australia in on a bad wicket. It could be said that they were all out for 101, Barnes and Foster taking 5 for 74 and 4 for 77 respectively.

But the wicket improved and Hobbs and Rhodes put up our first wicket record of 323 for the first wicket. It is believed to be still a record, Australia's best being 180 at the Oval in 1909. England made 589—then a record, but beaten by them at Sydney in 1928/9—630 and at Manchester 1934—627 for nine wickets. Australia, however, have three better aggregates 729 for 6 at Lords in 1930, 701—Oval 1934 and 695—Oval in 1930.

But to revert to the Melbourne game. Australia this time failed to come back—Douglas taking 5 for 46—and England won by an innings and 225 runs.

THE FINAL VICTORY

The fifth match was played at Sydney. Barnesley had not found his form and was dropped and McCartney came in. His previous omission was probably the great error made by the selectors. It was a close game. After two blank days owing to rain, England batted and made 324—Woolley 133 not out and Australia only 176.

England replied with 214 and Australia had to get 303 and as at the close of Wednesday they had 103 for three it looked as if they would do it, but on Thursday dawn came the rain and spoiled the wicket. As it was they got 292 and only lost by 70 runs. It was bad luck. But their crushing victory once more put English cricket on terms with itself.

(To be continued.)

CLUBHOUSE CHATTER BY "VERITAS"

(Continued from Page 12.)

is still in play, though it might otherwise have gone into touch or over the goal-line. In other words the referee and linesmen, if in the field of play, are players, or rather are treated as players by the laws of the game.

Delightful Conundrum

IN the face of this it would seem fairly logical to argue that if a player kicks the ball against a referee or linesman while they are in the field of play the ball goes across his goal line, and a corner is the right decision, then by the same token if the ball passes into the net, a goal must be given. Perhaps I misunderstood the gentleman who gave me the original problem, and thought he said "goalkeeper" when actually he said "goal". But it is indeed a delightful little conundrum upon which I should like to hear some authoritative statement. I have found nothing in black and white to substantiate either the argument that a goalkick or a goal should be awarded, and if the Hong-kong Referee's Association have already debated this particular problem, they may find it of interest.

New Footballer For

The Police

LETTER from the old hometown this week to say that Hongkong Police are to receive a new footballer next week. He is C. L. Smith of Tunbridge Wells, who arrives in the Colony by the Ranpura to join the Police Force. Had long association with soccer back in the Kentish town of Chalybeate Springs, playing in the division of the local league for the Conservatives. C. L. Smith is the fella Police are looking for to score those goals which have persistently eluded them this season.



Grace Fields, the popular English variety actress, adopted a new role recently when she donned shirt, shorts and boots to kick off in a rugby match at her birthplace, Rochdale. Here she is seen making a fine kick to start the game.

Our Daily Golf Hint

Of one thing I am quite positive—a small amount of practice is preferable to over doing things at one particular moment.

—T. P. Perkins.

Ben Foord Takes Up Golf

Boxer Expert In Many Sports

London, Nov. 20. Ben Foord has taken up golf. He is already in the front ranks as a swimmer, sprinter, high jumper, Rugby footballer and boxer. Foord has a good eye for games, and he should do well at golf, especially as he has secured Brig-Gen. Critchley for his adviser.

General Critchley is a great performer on the links and seems to have struck up a friendship with Foord.

The South African has also developed an interest in greyhound racing. While he was at Northway training for his fight with Walter Neusel, Foord was living among hundreds of greyhounds at the G.R.A. kennels near his training quarters.

When he first went there Foord thought that he would not be able to stay because of the dogs barking at night. But he became used to it, and long before the fight he grew so accustomed to the noise of the dogs that he slept through it unmoved.

DERBY'S CAPTAIN RESIGNS

Sussex Not Re-engaging Three Players

London, Nov. 24. A. W. Richardson, captain of the Derbyshire Cricket Club, last season's county champions, has resigned. Sussex Cricket Club have decided not to re-engage Wensley, Greenwood, Pearce and George Cox (in charge of the Hove nursery) for next season.

A. W. Richardson has resigned owing to the calls of business. His first captaincy of Derbyshire in 1931 and his astute leadership had much to do with the Midlands carrying off the championship last season.

Several other clubs are faced with a similar problem. Recently A. P. F. Chapman resigned from the captaincy of Kent, the death of D. A. C. Pave in a motor accident means that Gloucester must find another leader, while in the case of Surrey, Somerset and Northamptonshire the question of leadership is not yet settled.

NEW LAWN TENNIS REGULATION

"Stray Ball" on Court Not a Problem

London, Nov. 24. A problem has been lately submitted to the Council of the L.T.A. dealing with the "stray ball." It was solved as follows:

"Any stationary object lying on the surface of the court shall be deemed to be part of such surface; but if the ball in play strikes an object moving along or above the surface of the court, a let must be allowed."

The "stationary object" to which the first part of this ruling refers is nearly always a ball. If a player is sufficiently careless and regardless of his own interests, or lazy enough to leave a ball lying about in his court, he must take the consequences of the ball in play hitting it.

If a return of his opponent's does hit it, he is allowed by Rule 20 to return the ball in play, if he can succeed in so doing. Needless to say it is infrequent indeed that success attends his effort to do so, for a ball hitting another ball on the ground is apt to behave in an unaccountable manner.

There might, of course, be other objects lying about on the surface of the court, such as an empty ball box fallen from the umpire's chair. Under the ruling given, the player would presumably have to play his shot out of the ball box, unless he elected to claim that he was hindered in making his stroke by something not within his control, for an empty box can hardly be considered as a permanent fixture of the court, when it is detached from its perch on the umpire's chair.

BADMINTON THIS EVENING

One League Match Being Played

Only one match is being played to-night in the mixed doubles badminton league, Free Lances having asked for a postponement of their game with "Recreio."

Recreio "A," the champions visit the Cathedral Hall to play St. John's, and they are certain to retain their 100 per cent. record.

£15,000 TO HELP LAWN TENNIS

LATEST GESTURE BY L.T.A.

The Lawn Tennis Association are to cash some of their investments and spend the money (probably between £10,000 and £15,000) for the advancement of lawn tennis in England and as an aid to clubs in danger of losing their grounds.

This announcement was made by Mr. W. S. Dalley, the Surrey honorary secretary, at the annual meeting of the Surrey L.T.A.

Mr. Dalley, in his report, mentioned that in the Surrey Junior Championships he discovered one young player using a racket made in 1914. Between his matches this lad was seen tying up his racket with pieces of string.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 19th December, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1936.

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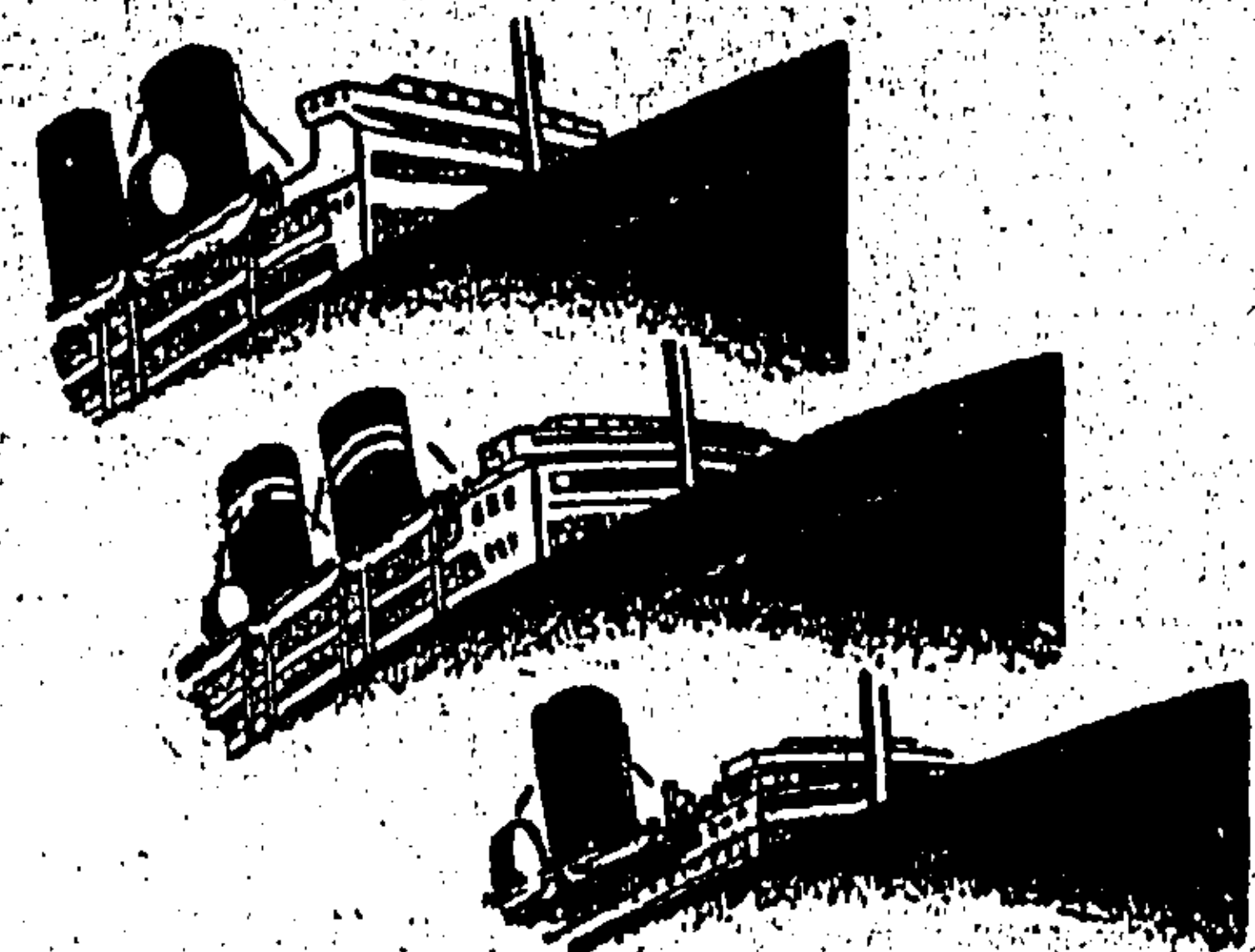
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HOME FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 17. In the F.A. Cup postponed matches, Walthamstow lost to Exeter, by two goals to three.

In the second round replays Yeovil lost to Walsall, 0-1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL: Dublin Wanderers lost to Oxford University by 6 points to 16.—Reuter.



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To-day in the Past

The Story Of The BOMBARDMENT of the HARTLEPOOLS

By Mrs. Ellen Whitcross

ONLY a week to Christmas. The shops of the Hartlepoos were taking on a festive appearance.

The children of the towns, uncomprehending the gravity of the four-month-old European war, were looking eagerly forward to the twenty-fifth.

In the houses there was much preparation. There were pudding-stirring and cake-making, and parcel-packing, for large consignments of Christmas fare were being sent to husbands and sons at the front.

The Hartlepoos were flourishing. It was a period of unprecedented prosperity—how different from these days of industrial stagnation and unemployment distress—when the shops were packed with orders that would take two years and more to execute.

The Hartlepoos dined with the clang of the riveters' hammers, the dockyards were hives of industry, the brilliant glare of blasting furnaces never dimmed.

I was then living in Hartlepool, which is separated from West Hartlepool by the docks and ship-building yards, near the sea-shore. Here is a maze of densely populated streets with small semi-detached houses, chiefly inhabited by working people, fronted by the two batteries known as Heugh and pool's main war-time defence.

A Merry Laughing Trio

Shortly before 8 a.m. on December 16, 1914, I stood at the door of my house to see my three children, Peter, aged nine, Matthew, who was six and a half, and little Elizabeth, a mere toddler of three and a half, on their way to school.

My husband had joined the Army a week before, and was stationed at Jarrow. We expected him home on leave for Christmas, for a fourth little one was expected shortly.

The children were looking forward to Christmas with their little "soldier" daddy. Their little sister, too, had already bought a toy and was eagerly waiting for it.

They were a merry, laughing trio, and as they turned the corner at the bottom of William-street they waved their hands to me.

Little did I think then that it was to be the last farewell of two of them and that the youngest would

meet a fate more terrible even than swift death.

Scarcely had they disappeared from sight than there was the deep boom of distant heavy firing. At first I attached little importance to this, as firing practice off that part of the coast was frequent, and the residents of the Hartlepoos had become accustomed to and unalarmed by it.

But, as the minutes passed and the noise grew closer, a fearful suspicion gripped me. There had been many rumours of possible bombardment and invasion of the east coast by the enemy, but no one had taken them seriously. Yet now it seemed that perhaps after all something of the sort was imminent.

A Soldier's Warning

Almost at the same moment there burst on my ear a louder and newer detonation which shook the house to its very foundations.

An instant later followed a terrific shattering—that seemed to beat into my brain.

I rushed to my door. At that moment there came down the street a soldier, his face streaming with blood, his tunic torn, yelling warnings to the inhabitants of the houses who by now had hurried to their doors and windows to see what the noise was about.

"The Germans are here—on top of the roofs," he yelled. "Get out with you!" he yelled. "Get out with you!" he yelled.

"If you don't believe me, all I can say is my mate down there at the battery hasn't a head," he burst out grimly. "They're firing on us as hard as they can."

Again, and again came that dreadful bursting roar of close-by gunfire, to the accompanying rattle of shattering masonry.

Now the noise of splintering houses seemed a good distance away, the deafening crash would indicate that it was only a few yards off, and within a few seconds a cloud of dust and particles of debris would descend on the roadway.

It is hard to give a clear account of one's thoughts and actions during a crisis of this kind. But I do remember that after the soldier's warning I rushed through the streets in the direction taken by my children a few minutes before.

Sheltered In The Sea

Everywhere was chaos. People rushed hither and thither, not knowing whether to stay indoors or to leave their homes for safety. Mothers were grabbing their children and running with them towards the back of the town, instinctively drawn to the open country. Many raced into the sea and stood waist deep in the water, sheltered by the pier.

Some fell as they ran, hit by pieces of flying shell and falling debris. Some were shot after shot was hurled among the houses.

It was a terrible scene, some evil power was striking them down. At one moment they would be running

along the pavement; the next, with a hideous scream, they would roll over into the gutter.

In a few minutes usually quiet streets were filled with the dead and the injured. The dead were being carried by St. John Ambulance workers.

We seemed to be imprisoned down there hours. It was like being in some medieval dungeon. The injured were moaning for water, but there was none excepting in an old rainwater butt in the corner. They drank from this.

"This is no place for you, Mrs. Whitcross," they said.

And because I felt as though all the life had gone out of me, I let them lead me away to a cellar into which women and children were being herded by the military and the injured were being carried by St. John Ambulance workers.

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TWENTY-TWO years ago Britain began the four tremendous years of her history. Strange and perilous things happened in those four years—things of which the full facts were never really known.

This is the second of a series of articles in which actual survivors will tell their stories of the dramas in which they were suddenly called to play a part, and of the events that will remain the outstanding memories of their lives.

To-day a Hartlepool mother describes what happened on that morning in 1914 when, a few moments after her children had left home to go to school, three German warships rained shells upon the town.



The Raiders as seen from land

FATHERLESS



All that was left of the home in which these two children lived with their parents.

town were no less painful. People stood despairingly in groups before their ruined homes. Many of them had lost a parent, son, or a daughter. In several cases a whole family had been wiped out.

The second shell fired by one of the three German ships—the first was aimed at the Heugh Battery, and killed the first soldier to meet him on British soil at the hand of the enemy in the great war—struck the upper floor of a near-by house.

Two spinsters lived there. One of them was in the passage on her way to her sister's bedroom, disturbed from her slumbers, no doubt, by the sudden noise outside.

A piece of the shell struck one sister, inflicting terrible wounds and killing her instantly. When, after the bombardment, neighbours went to search for the second sister, they could not at first find her. She had been blown to pieces.

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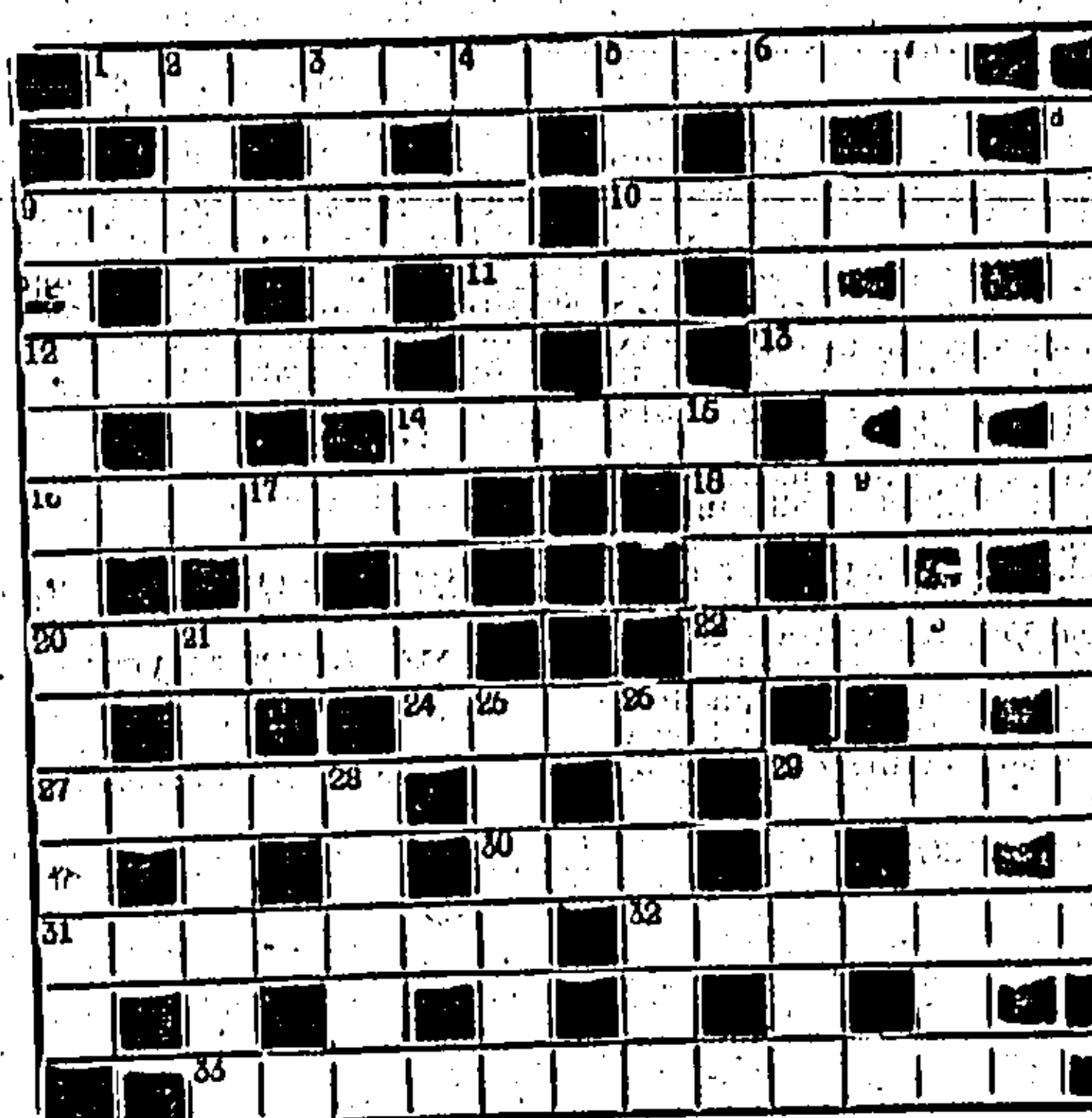
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OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



ACROSS

- There must be a tank in this green-house, though it need not take up much room.
- Abel there's money about for an Irishman, I see.
- London suburb.
- The heart of 2.
- Takes money for swindles.
- Indicates a rise in leather down under just now.
- It is pleasant made from limes.
- No dole for this chump.
- Domestic tribesman.
- A good deal of her balance has been taken by this old-fashioned book.
- Elfin.
- An offensive point about a certain vegetable.
- Command neatness.
- Not quite so fast—built more for comfort than for speed, as a matter of fact.
- Its possession is a doubtful gift.
- The volcano did.
- Went in blushing finally.
- Concurred also (three words, 7, 2, 8).

DOWN

- Turn to, and give him hell, the jealous fellow.
- They're all round the coast of England, and in this.
- A sound measure.
- Here you see Anne in a temper.
- Salvo (anag.).
- Somewhat mixed language.

- Set free an imprisoned Danish fencer.
- Stone a shrimp (anag.).
- Sticks down.
- Keen enough, but I must admit it takes a long time.
- Don't turn this fish—for obvious reasons.
- Fancy having to tag up here!
- Fort? Note the question—then ignore it.
- One would imagine that the cryptogram would not flourish in this torrid situation.
- Domestic animal.
- The guard that does not watch.
- Rate.
- Begin (two words, 3, 2).

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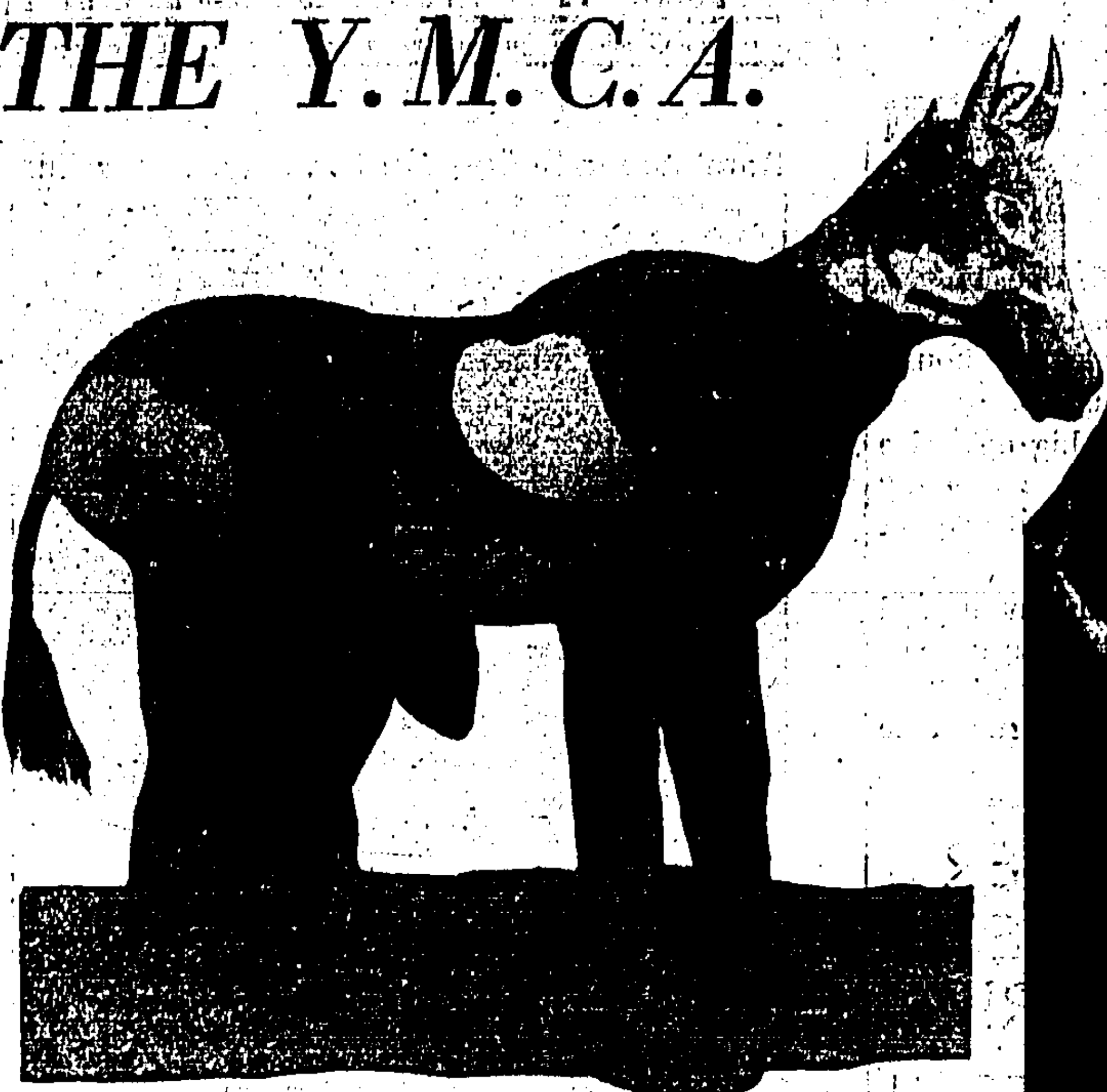
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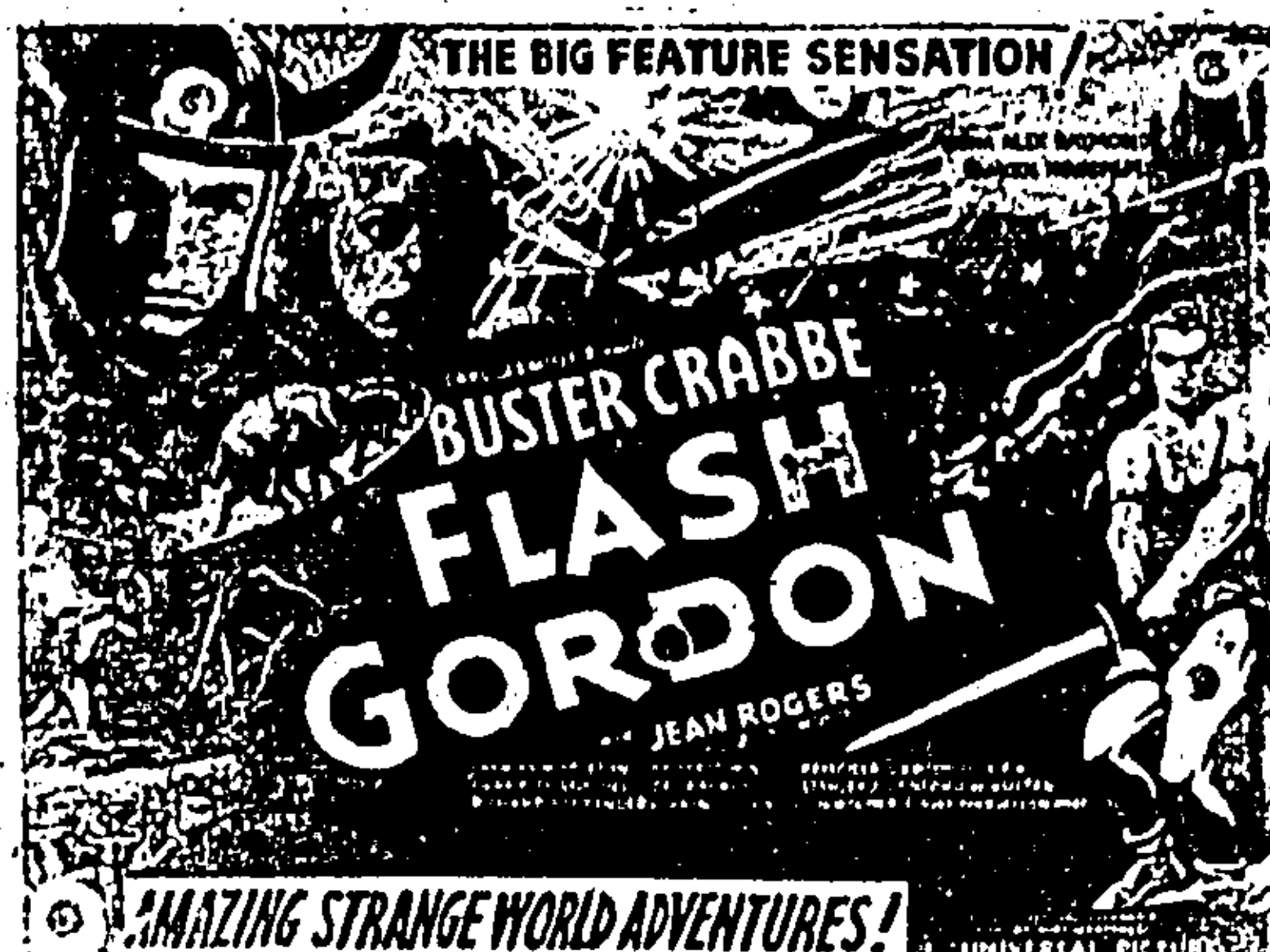
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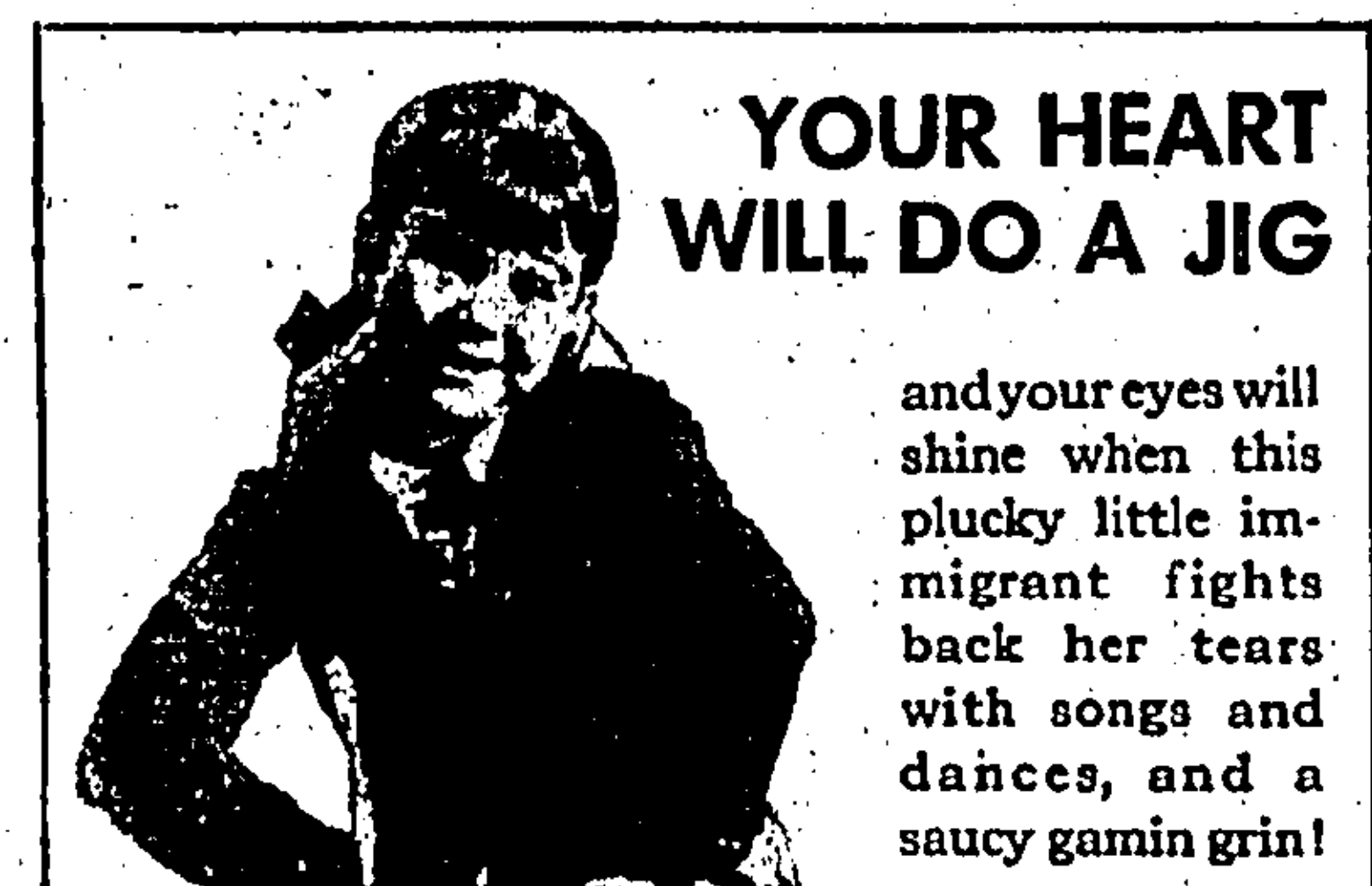
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Before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, Natalio Kiel, aged 30, unemployed, pleaded guilty to charges of (a) stowing away from the Colony to Shanghai on board the R. M. S. Empress of Japan on December 11, (b) entering the Colony without a valid passport on or about December 12, and (c) breach of the Registration of Persons Ordinance. Defendant admitted the charges, saying he could not report himself to

the police here, as he had no papers. Det.-Sergeant Russell stated that defendant had told him that he had stowed away from San Francisco to the Colony. Defendant was born in Buenos Aires. He (Sergeant Russell) asked for a serious view of the case to be taken, as defendant would cost the Government quite a sum of money as communications must be made with Buenos Aires to verify defendant's story. If he is the end, defendant was to be sent back there, the Government would have to pay his passage. Defendant was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment on the first charge, an expulsion order was made on the second, and a fine of \$100 or six weeks' imprisonment, was imposed on the third count.

END OF STRIKE SIGHTED

SEAMEN'S LEADERS SATISFIED PUTTING VOTE TO UNIONS

San Francisco, Dec. 17. Mr. Harry Lundberg, Secretary of the Sailors' Union on the Pacific Coast, to-day intimated that agreements had been reached on all major points, including wages and working hours, in discussions for the settlement of the shipping strike.

The agreements, however, concern only sailors and marine firemen, he explained.

Mr. Lundberg is prepared to present a tentative agreement to the union members to-morrow.

For some days past, Mr. Lundberg and union representatives have been in close conference with employers, under the eye of Mr. F. W. McGrady, of the Department of Labour. Mr. McGrady has been predicting a settlement of this sort for a week, but has warned against too much optimism.—Reuter.

OPERATORS YIELD

San Francisco, Later. Mr. Lundberg said to-day he expected the Seamen's Union of the Pacific and the Marine Firemen to agree in principle on all outstanding points of their dispute with operators before Friday morning.

He intimated the operators had yielded on most points.—United Press.

Peace Talks Turn To Trade Pacts

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17. The Pan-American Peace Conference took on a new aspect to-day, when moves towards clarification and unification of the direction of economic policy on the two American continents were unexpectedly discussed.—Reuter.

ANGLO-SPANISH TRADE HURT

CLEARING PROCEDURE NOW SUSPENDED

London, Dec. 17. New arrangements, in consequence of the financial disturbances caused by the Spanish civil war, have had to be made in Anglo-Spanish trade spheres, explained Dr. Edward Burgh, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade, speaking at question time in the House of Commons to-night.

He said both the British and Spanish Governments had agreed upon a suspension of clearing procedure, under the Anglo-Spanish Payments Agreement.

Dr. Burgh warned traders to exercise caution in arranging for exports to Spain.—Reuter.

MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENT

ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS PROCEEDING

London, Dec. 17. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, asked in the House of Commons about a Mediterranean understanding, replied that an exchange of views is proceeding between His Majesty's Government and the Italian Government, but he would not be in a position to make any statement before the House rose on Friday for Christmas recess.—British Wireless.

GOVERNORS OF B.B.C. NAMED

SIR IAN FRASER, M.P. AND J.J. MALLON

London, Dec. 17. Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., and Mr. James Joseph Mallon, have been appointed Governors of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Sir Ian, one of the most popular members of the House, is blind, and has done brilliant work for fellow-sufferers in wireless experimentation.—Reuter.

CLOUDY WEATHER

The anticyclone over China has increased considerably in intensity, and the depression is situated to the north-east of Hokkaido. Local forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

MADRID BESET ON ALL SIDES

RESCUE GANGS SEARCH FOR BURIED RAID VICTIMS

Madrid, Dec. 17. Strong pressure by insurgent forces has been exerted in all sectors of the Madrid front for the past 24 hours, according to a Defence Committee communique.

The loyalist headquarters believes this big offensive has been launched in order to occupy as many Government troops as possible while the insurgent attacks continue around Boadilla del Monte.

Although the rebels, in an official announcement, told of the capture of Boadilla and the penetration of the Government lines beyond it yesterday, the Government still maintains that its army presents an impenetrable front.

Moreover, says the Defence Committee, five of the raiding rebel planes were brought down yesterday, but not a single Government machine was lost.—Reuter.

SOVIET SHIP AFIRE

London, Dec. 17. Private advices indicate that a Spanish rebel warship has halted the Soviet steamer Komsovol off Oran, where the freighter is now reported to be afire.

The crew are said to have been rescued but their subsequent fate is unknown.—United Press.

APPEAL FOR HELP

London, Dec. 18. An urgent appeal for an international effort to assist the civilian population of Madrid, reinforced by harrowing details of the city's plight, is contained in the report of the all-Party Deputation from the British House of Commons which recently visited Madrid and investigated the situation there.

By December 1, it is estimated, between one third and one quarter of the houses of the capital of Spain had been destroyed.

The report praises the morale of the civil population and the courage of the Government forces. Immovable families are destitute, without even bedding. There is a serious shortage of food and fuel. Many thousands depend for life upon the one meal a day supplied them. And the city is in imminent danger of epidemics.

The report records that M. Leon Blum, French Prime Minister, has offered all possible co-operation in humane work.

The report adds it would be a great benefit if this agreement were spread further, so the nations who boast that they alone are disciplined may realise that democracy, in the long run, may be able to speak as solidly.—Reuter.

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Washington, Dec. 17. Mr. Herbert Marler, Canada's new Minister to Washington, in his maiden speech before the Press Club here, said that due to the similarity of their interests Canada and the United States will always stand together internationally.

However, he pointed out, when saying this no thought existed of ever dividing the British Empire.

Although he was lately the Dominion's envoy in Japan, Mr. Marler avoided all reference to that country. He said that modern diplomats were essentially business agents seeking the promotion of trade and prosperity.—United Press.

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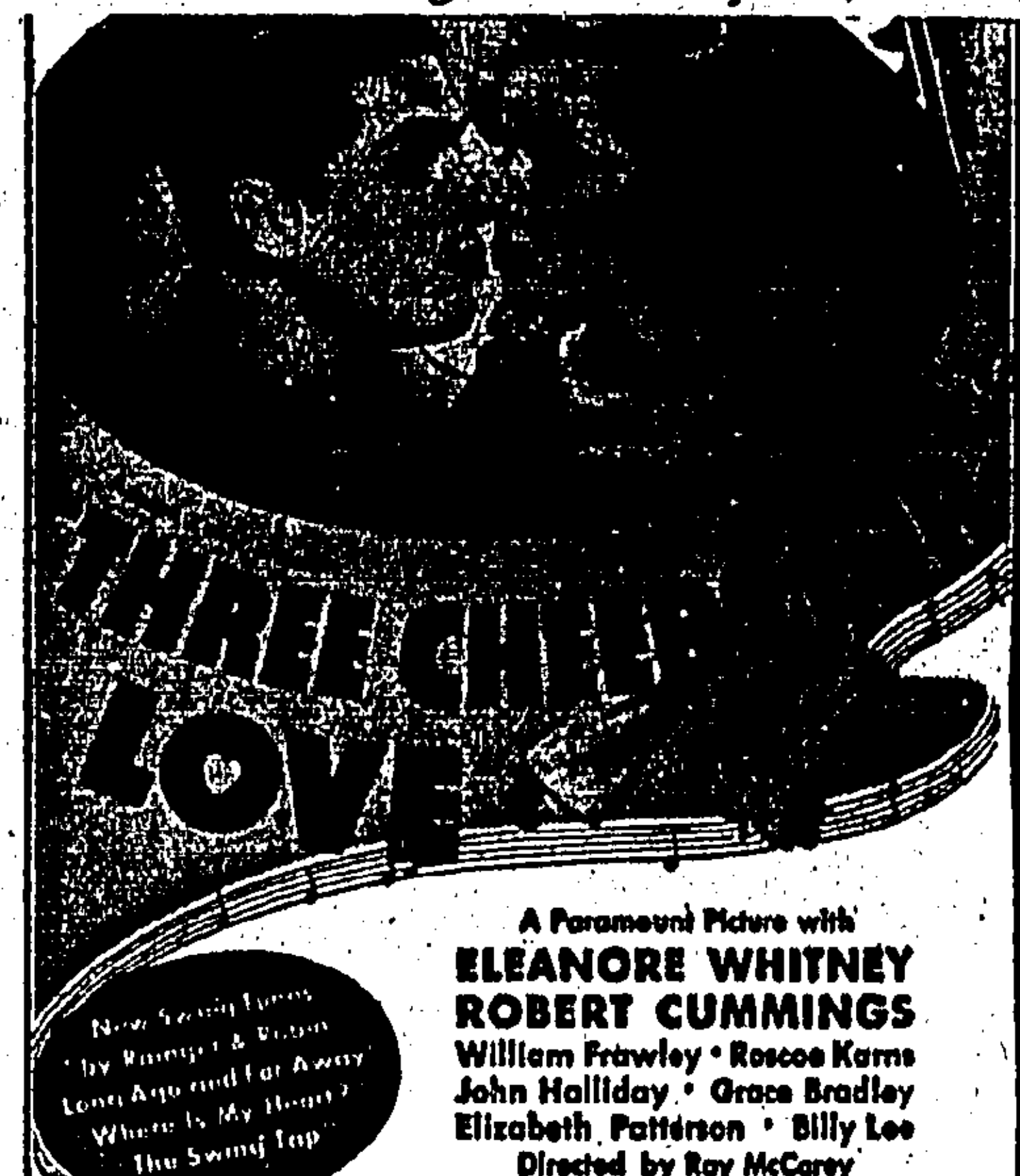
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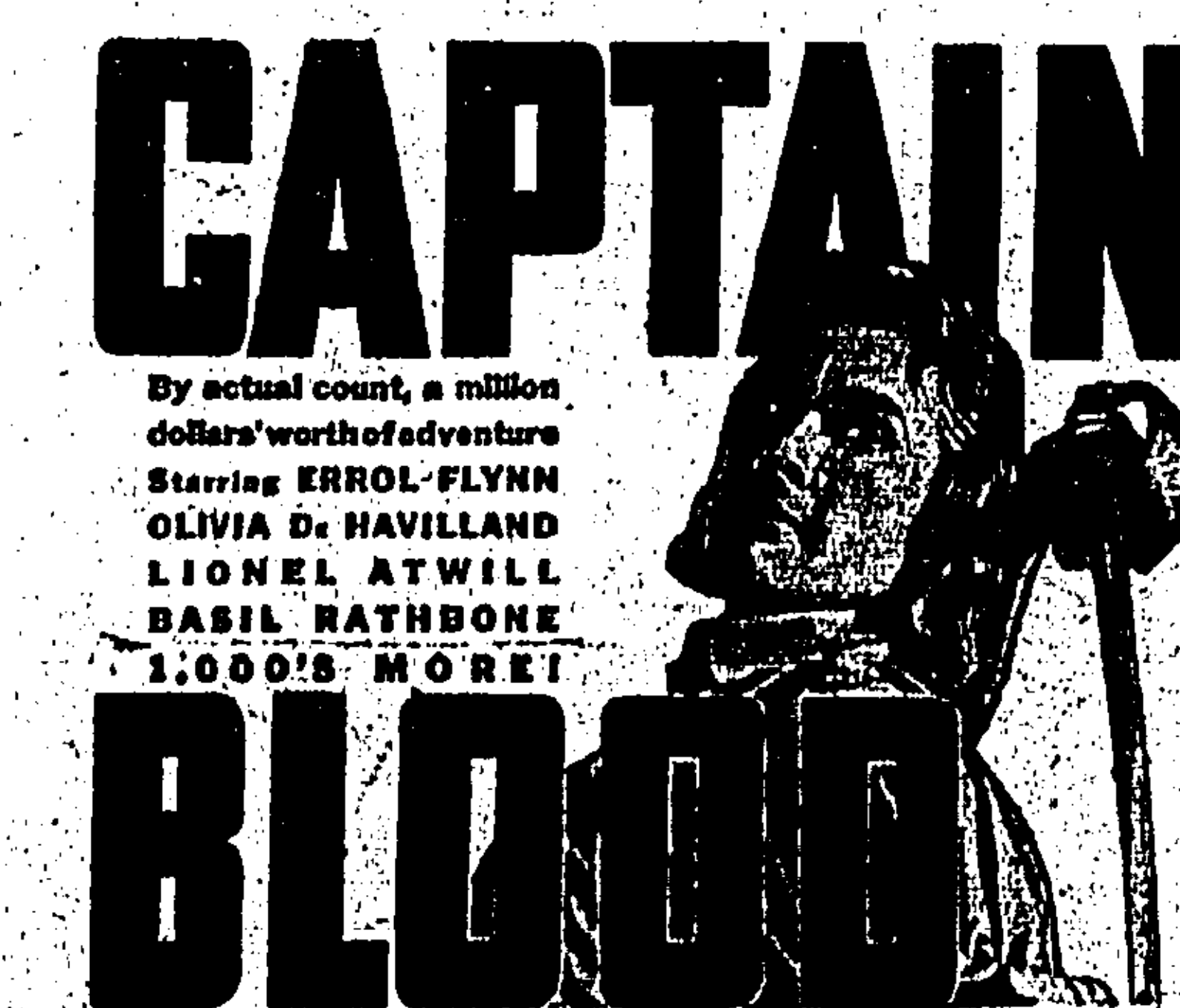
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